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MEXICO, CANADA, CHINA TARIFFS FROM MARCH 4
US President Donald Trump said illicit drugs are still pouring into to the US from Mexico
25%
Tariffs on Mexican and Canadian goods to kick in next week
10%
Extra duty on Chinese goods, over and above 10% tariff levied on February 4
We cannot allow this scourge to continue to harm the US... The proposed tariffs will, indeed, go into effect...
The tariffs on Mexico and Canada, announced earlier, was paused on February 3 for 1 month; it will now go live on March 4
Experts say the tariffs carry the risk of higher prices for American consumers and slower growth for the US economy | P12

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SC upholds power of arrest by GST, Customs officers

Says their authority to arrest is ancillary to their power to collect goods and services tax

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Thursday upheld the constitutional validity of the arrest provisions under the Goods and Services Tax Act and the Customs Act. Rejecting a batch of pleas challenging these provisions, a bench of Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Justice Bela M Trivedi, and Justice M M Sundresh upheld the legislative amendments that classify specific economic offenses as cognizable and non-bailable.

This means enforcement authorities will have the power to arrest individuals without prior judicial approval in cases of serious violations such as tax evasion exceeding specified thresholds, fraudulent claims of exemptions, or misuse of trade instruments.

Special Acts like GST and Customs Act have specific objectives and judicial review should be exercised cautiously and in rare circumstances, the SC said. It added that frequent judicial interference in the functioning of the officers combating serious crimes may embolden the people who commit such crimes and may not do justice to the victims.

The bench, however, was mindful of the abuse of such powers. It said anticipatory bail could be allowed even in cases where FIR is not filed but the threat of arrest is imminent.

"By striking a delicate balance between enforcement powers and personal liberty, the judgment ensures that while the government can take stringent action against financial offenses, citizens' fundamental rights remain protected," said Abhishek A Rastogi, founder of law firm Rastogi Chambers.

"This reinforces the legal architecture of anti-evasion mechanisms and also brings the much-needed clarity to the enforcement of arrest provisions under these statutes," said Rajat Mohan, senior partner, AMRG & Associates.

Use it with caution, says court

SC maintained that the powers to arrest must be exercised with due caution and in compliance with the constitutional safeguards

IN THE SC

HC FIAT ON TOXIC UNION CARBIDE WASTE UPHELD

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Thursday refused to entertain a plea challenging the Madhya Pradesh High Court's order on transportation and safe disposal of all toxic waste from Bhopal's ill-fated Union Carbide plant at a treatment unit in the industrial town Pithampur in the state.

A two-judge bench comprising justices B R Gavai and Augustine George Masih also refused to stay Thursday's trial run of the disposal of 30 metric tonnes of the waste at Pithampur. Hours later, incineration of the toxic waste generated from the 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy began.

Indore-based Gandhian Chinmay Mishra was among those who had challenged the HC order. But the bench observed, "You seem to be following the NIMBY principle, that is, not in my backyard. You are saying if they want to pollute, they may do it somewhere else, but not in my backyard. Not in Indore."

The court pointed out that the HC had considered the views of experts from institutes of repute and recognition like NEERI, NGRI and CPCB before arriving at its decision.

"The impugned HC order would reveal that it took a serious view of the lethargic manner in which the state government was dealing with the disposal of waste. It is revealed that only after the direction from the HC, the matter has moved. The HC is monitoring the matter. So, we do not find any reason to interfere with the impugned order," the bench said.

While granting some liberty, the judges asked the aggrieved parties to approach the high court. It said the petitioner and intervenors could also give their suggestions to the state government, which would place them before an expert committee for further consideration.

Won't sit on opinion of experts

The bench said it couldn't sit on the opinion of experts, who had already approved the transportation and disposal of the toxic Bhopal gas tragedy waste

EXPRESS READ

K'taka releases water to TG, farmers furious

Vijayapura: Karnataka has released 1 tmcft of water from the Almatti and Narayanpur reservoirs to Telangana, reportedly on the request of the neighbouring state. Farmer organisations, however, have condemned the decision | P4

Hampi Utsav: Passes for pourakarmikas

Hampi: The Vijayanagara District Commissioner on Thursday distributed over 2000 VIP passes to pourakarmikas and their families for the Hampi Utsav. The much-awaited event will be inaugurated on Friday | P4

TUHIN
NEW SEBI CHIEF
Finance Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey is the new head of Securities and Exchange Board of India | P13

WITH THIS ISSUE
CHENNAI'S BEST WEEKEND GUIDE INDULGE — 40 PAGES, INCLUDING 24 OF INDULGE (TABLOID)

Chief Minister Siddharamaiah and Speaker UT Khader take a look at books displayed at the 'Pustaka Mela' at Vidhana Soudha, in Bengaluru on Thursday | EXPRESS

Delimitation BJP ploy to weaken us, all south states will resist: CM

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WARNING that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's enthusiasm for delimitation of Lok Sabha seats is just a ploy to punish southern states that resist the BJP's expansion, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah called upon the governments of Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh to unite against this injustice. He said discussions are going on with other southern states to launch a coordinated national-level resistance against the Centre's discriminatory policies.

The CM also slammed Union Home Minister Amit Shah's recent remarks on the issue, calling them "untrustworthy" and "misleading". The Union government is trying to create confusion in southern states while pushing an agenda that unfairly favours the northern states, he said.

Siddaramaiah questioned Shah's claims that southern states would not be affected by this exercise and demanded clarity on whether the new delimitation will be based on the proportion of the population or the current number of Lok Sabha seats. If the population-based formula is used, it will severely disadvantage southern states, which have successfully controlled their population while northern states have lagged behind in both population management and development, he said. P4

'K'taka BJP MPs silent spectators'

Siddaramaiah urged Kannadigas to unite beyond caste, religion and party lines to oppose the delimitation of Lok Sabha seats, warning that BJP MPs from Karnataka remain silent spectators while the state is continuously shortchanged.

K'taka bans plastic use for steaming idlis

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THE state health department has banned the use of plastic sheets in the preparation of idlis in eateries after the food safety and standards department found that nearly a quarter of the 251 idli samples tested were "unsafe" due to the use of plastic sheets during steaming.

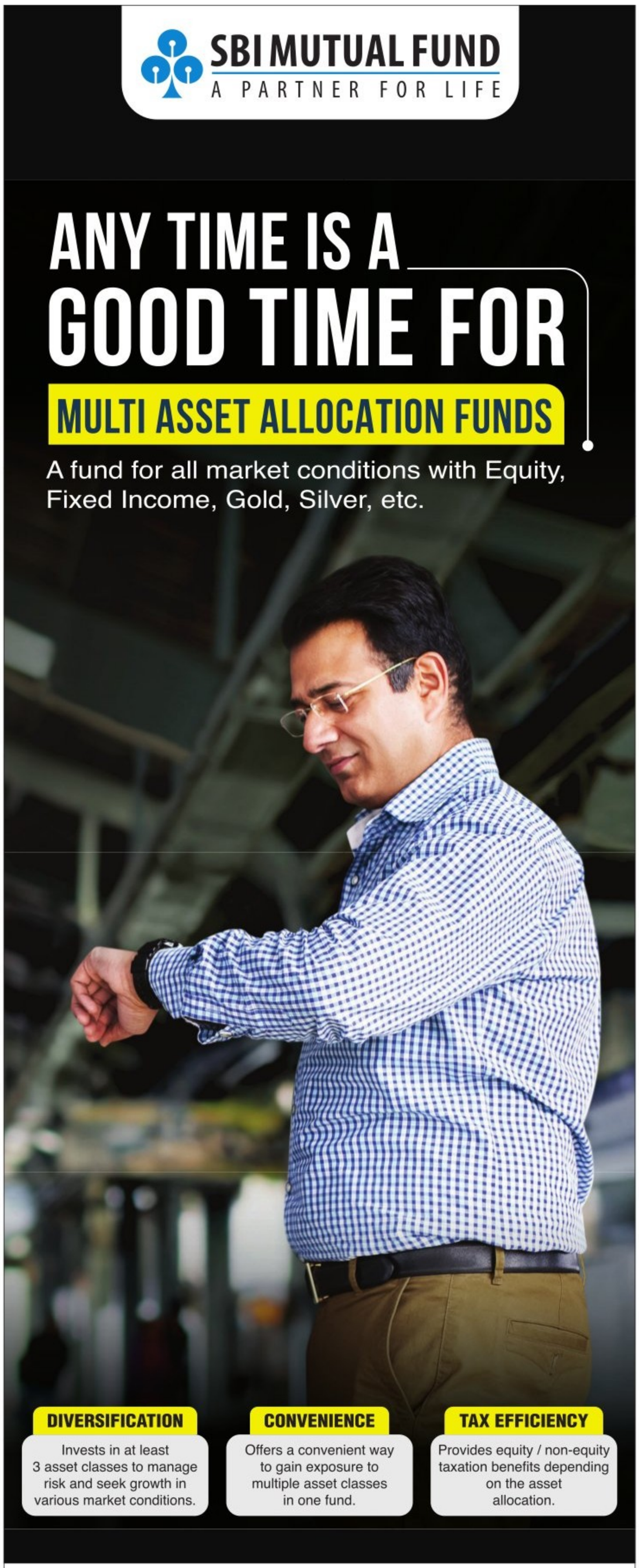
The state health department is expected to issue an official notification regulating idli preparation in the next two days.

The food safety department tested 251 idli samples collected from eateries across the state till Wednesday and found that 54 of these were unsafe for consumption. The issue was traced to shops using plastic sheets while steaming idlis, which contaminates the food and introduces (cancer-causing) substances.

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, who announced the ban on Thursday, told *TNIE* that 54 eateries have been fined for using plastic sheets. "Many vendors have been following this method of preparing idli and since the public is largely unaware of its health risks, the department started a statewide drive. As of Wednesday, 251 eateries were inspected and the number is expected to rise as the drive continues," Rao said.

Earlier, cloth was used for cooking idlis, but we received information that hotels have recently started using plastic. So, our officers conducted inquiries at various locations

Dinesh Gundu Rao, Health Minister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WEATHER — MIN 16°C | MAX 32°C — FORECAST: Cloudy

Sunrise 06.36 am | Sunset 06.28 pm | Moonrise 06.45 am | Moonset 06.54 pm

IT'S PRIYANK VERSUS PAI ON B'LURU INFRA

Former Infosys CFO demands accountability, ministers question his tone, tenor, stance when Congress in power

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THE spat between IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge and former Infosys CFO Mohandas Pai on Bengaluru's infrastructure is taking a political turn. Kharge questioned Pai for his silence during previous governments. "Your tone, tenor and stance are always quite clear whenever Congress is in power," Kharge hit out at Pai. Many Congress leaders joined in to slam Pai.

Pai had alleged that Kharge was making excuses. "I have constantly promoted Karnataka/Bengaluru for more than 30 years, more than you. You are in power ruling us. You are accountable. What have you done for the last two years to improve the city?'' he had questioned.

Kharge agreed that the government is accountable. "We have never, and will never, shy away from our responsibility to build a thriving economic powerhouse that drives our nation forward. I hope that one day you will also advocate for the state's rightful share from the Central government,'' he said.

National General Secretary of Indian Youth Congress Raksha Ramaiah said Pai's Rajya Sabha nomination is slipping away, and hence the desperation. Industry Minister MB Patil wanted Pai to give his suggestions to improve Bengaluru. Pai took all benefits from Bengaluru, and should not comment or criticise for the sake of criticising. He is not ready to move to Hubballi or other cities, Patil said. "Bengaluru is a growing and global city. Traffic congestion is not an issue pertaining only to Bengaluru, but is there in Chennai, London and San Francisco,'' he said.

Earlier, Pai had criticised the State government for bad roads, uncleared garbage, and lack of footpaths in Bengaluru. "What have you done as our minister to improve our lives? You have not even ensured the city is clean with no potholes and good footpaths! This is not rocket science but regular maintenance work. Please talk to Minister DK Shivakumar to give us at least a clean walkable city! Is this too much to ask?," he had said.

Land for mall or Metro? asks Suresh Kumar

Former minister and senior BJP leader Suresh Kumar has written a letter to Deputy CM DK Shivakumar and Industries Minister MB Patil, urging them not to permit a real estate company to construct a star hotel and mall near Hebbal. The company has reportedly sought 45 acres of KIADB land, which BMRCL had also requested in 2024. In his letter, Suresh Kumar said , "I am writing this letter with displeasure. Metro trains are helping to reduce Bengaluru traffic to some extent. This is a public service oriented organisation and it is the duty of the government to oblige and give priority to BMRCL. It is not possible for an organisation like BMRCL to get land like this," he said. Suresh Kumar said BMRCL had requested this piece of land from KIADB and was even ready to pay compensation to land owners.

From rote to wonder: How science edu evolved from facts to curiosity

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

H2O is water. CO2 is carbon dioxide. Gravity pulls everything down. Decades ago, science was often taught as a collection of facts to memorise — definitions, formulas, and rigid laws that left little room for wonder. A teacher would write equations on the blackboard, which students would copy, and the lesson would go on. But over the years, science became more about questions.

Today, science education is not just about learning concepts but experiencing them — through exploration and a sense of curiosity that makes students see the world differently. This transformation, experts say, was not just about teaching but a fundamental shift in how science was perceived.

For the longest time, it was seen as a subject perfect for securing a job, promising stability rather than excitement. Senior scientists recall that many pursued science degrees primarily for career opportunities, rather than a genuine interest in understanding the subject. But over the years, that mindset changed. Science became a topic of passion, a discipline for those who wanted to learn, explore and teach, rather than just a stepping stone to employment.

"Science is no longer just a subject people study to get a job — it has become a field of curiosity, learning and teaching," said Dr BS Shylaja, a visiting scientist at Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium. Over the years, science has grown into an area of genuine interest, attracting those eager to understand its concepts, she said.

Even the way science has evolved in terms of accessibility has changed, thanks to technology, Shylaja said, adding that decades ago, researchers spent years during their Ph.Ds learning what can now be grasped in less than two months with the vast amount of information available online.

While science was, and still is, seen as a career-oriented subject, there were never cases of students being taught why something is happening or why they are studying it.

BR Guruprasad, director of Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium, told TNIE that over the past decade, students' interest in science has shifted — not just as a subject, but as a field rooted in real-world principles and discoveries. This growing fascination is largely driven by advancements in space science, satellite technology, and other scientific breakthroughs. "Children are naturally curious about the world around them. When they see, read and hear about these developments, it leaves an impression on their minds and sparks a desire to explore and contribute," he explained.

Conservation important but power demand rising: Bescom

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THE demand for power is high, and so is the cost of power generation. But demand is being met and there are no power cuts, barring scheduled maintenance works being taken up, Bangalore Electricity Supply Corporation Limited (Bescom) Managing Director N Shivashankar said.

Refuting comments by citizens that power cuts are common and power lines are snapping due to increased load, Shivashankar said power cuts are because of technical issues and maintenance work. They are also announced to consumers well in advance.

According to Bescom officials, the city has been recording a rise in demand and touched peak loads on multiple occasions in January and February. The highest demand recorded was at 9.50am on February 26, with the load touching 8472MW. On February 20 and February 7, the peak loads were 8278MW and 8248MW respectively, at 9.58am and 9.51am.

In January too, Bescom saw a rise in demand. The peak load recorded was 8203MW at 11.57am on January 31, followed by 8053MW at 9.47am on January 30 and 7901MW at 10.35am on January 27.

Shivashankar was speaking on the sidelines of the launch of new low-power consumption Brushless Direct Current ceiling fans on Thursday. It is part of the Central government initiative to promote the usage of low power consuming electric appliances. As part of the Distribution Companies capacity-building initiative, in collaboration with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency and Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited, Bescom unveiled energy-efficient BLDC ceiling fans in Bengaluru.

Builders use 'black magic' to stall BBMP action

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IN a shocking incident, three bamboo trees were cut in Basavanapura, KR Puram, allegedly as part of a tantrik ritual aimed at obstructing BBMP action against unauthorised constructions.

According to residents, builders who received notices from the (BBMP resorted to occult practices in an attempt to counter complaints against them. Silver and copper foil sheets with engraved notes were wrapped around the base of a tree, before they were chopped from the middle. Residents claim that builders who constructed illegal six-storey structures with over 40 tenements without approvals, are responsible for the act. "In August 2024, 19 buildings in KR Puram sub-division received demolition notices under Section 356 of BBMP Act. However, some engineers helped owners secure court stays, which were misused to complete and sell these under-construction flats. With mounting pressure from BBMP officials to take action, builders have resorted to superstitious methods like black magic, including chopping bamboo trees," alleged a Basavanapura resident. The matter was escalated to Mahadevapura BBMP Range Forest Officer Chidanand LB, who confirmed that officials had inspected the site.

The thin silver and copper foil sheets contained inscriptions in Telugu stating, " The bamboo tree on the opposite side has to be cut." Additionally, the sheets bore names such as Reddamma, Jyothsna, Naidu and Devaprasad, along with some text in Urdu and Telugu.

"The work appears to have been done in Kalakada Mandala Pileru Assembly, Andhra Pradesh. Some names listed on the sheets belong to people residing in this area. It is now up to the BBMP to investigate and take action against those responsible," said a resident.

A girl checks out books at the 'Pustaka Mela' organised for the first time at Vidhana Soudha, on Thursday | VINOD KUMAR T

BOOK, LIT FAIR WILL BE HELD IN VIDHANA SOUDHA EVERY YEAR: SIDDARAMAIAH

Bengaluru: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said that literature and reading books makes a person more humane and thus everyone should inculcate the habit of reading. Speaking after inaugurating the 'Pustaka Mela' (book fair) organised for the first time at Vidhana Soudha, on Thursday, he said, "A festival for readers, literature lovers should make good use of this opportunity. We plan to conduct a literature and book festival every year in Vidhana Soudha. Children should be encouraged to buy books, which will help them get rid of their mobile phones and be less addicted to digital devices", he said. Writers including Jnanpith awardee Chandrashekhar Kambara, Damodar Mauzo of Goa, and Muhammad Kunhi of Bolavaru were felicitated. Legislative Assembly speaker UT Khader Fareed, who organised the fair, said, MLAs have the opportunity to purchase books up to Rs 2 lakh from their funds and distribute them to public libraries and schools in their constituencies. "They should make good use of this. Book will be sold at a discounted price," he said.

India's largest cargo terminal opens at KIA

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INDIA'S largest domestic cargo terminal has been launched recently at the Kempegowda International Airport by its operator Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) along with air cargo major Menzies Aviation.

"This is the largest Greenfield Domestic Cargo Terminal (DCT) in terms of designed capacity. This 2,45,000 square feet state-of-the-art facility signifies a major milestone in the airport's cargo handling capabilities by offering enhanced infrastructure and streamlined processes to meet the growing demands of the domestic market," said an official release.

The domestic cargo terminal that was launced at KIA. Spanning over 7 acres, the DCT features a peak handling capacity of 3,60,000 tonnes | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Spanning over 7 acres, the DCT features a peak handling capacity of approximately 360,000 metric tonnes, with a potential to expand to 400,000 metric tonnes. "With around 42 truck docks, more than 400 specially designed cargo bins, conveyors aligned with X-ray machines, approximately 30 build-up and breakdown stations, along with real-time data capture using 40 handheld terminals and self-service kiosks for agents, the facility will ensure seamless cargo movement while reducing turnaround times," it said.

Briefing the media, Satyaki Raghunath, Chief Operating Officer, BIAL said, "This is a dedicated domestic cargo facility which is why it is so unique. Air cargo from a domestic perspective has become very important. Historically, we have less than 20 domestic freighter cargo aircraft in India today which is shockingly low, considering how big the country is and the air cargo market is. There is potential. Over the course of the next ten years there will be significant domestic air cargo market and we want to create the capacity with a world class infrastructure."

Anil Kumar, CEO of Menzies Aviation Bengaluru Private Limited, said, "We had a soft launch of the domestic facility in December last year and on February 17, the new terminal was fully operationalised. The existing cargo terminal which housed both international and domestic cargo will become fully international. It will be going in for a complete refurbishment." Bengaluru is the third biggest air cargo market after Delhi and Mumbai, he said.

EXPRESS READ

HC seeks reply on Nandi Hills ropeway impact

Bengaluru: The Karnataka High Court on Thursday directed the government advocate to obtain instructions from authorities concerned regarding a public interest litigation seeking the formation of an expert panel to assess the environmental impact of the proposed ropeway project at Nandi Hills. The petitioner's counsel argued that two acres of land were transferred from the horticulture department to the tourism department in August 2024 for the ropeway project, aimed at boosting tourism and easing traffic congestion. However, the project is expected to impact approximately three acres of of the Arkavathy River's buffer zone, posing a threat to the region's biodiversity and ecosystem.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

28th February: There's an ongoing Mars alignment today. Traditionally these patterns signify moments of great passion and volatility. If I were going to make a general prediction for today, then it would be to expect emotional conflict. But, I would prefer to offer advice - to prove the prediction wrong by being cool, calm and collected – and never rising to provocation.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Watch out for a spot of bother as a partner picks up the wrong end of the stick. Although only some of you will be affected, there is no knowing what, or who, will wind you up. Always give others the benefit of the doubt, and you'll soon find that they soften their stance.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
There's still a shortage of significant planetary patterns, so this is a time for you to make your own choices and not to be pushed by circumstances. Actually, it's a sociable period, and you'll be happy to mix with friends - and avoid any feeling that you're stuck with family members.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You want only the best - and you deserve an improvement in your circumstances. It's one thing having high hopes, though, and another to make sure that they can be put into practice. You may be able to rely on people who already have done what you're planning. If they don't offer advice first, then swallow your pride and ask.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Today's stars favour practical steps to make your nest more harmonious and comfortable, but if you don't take other people's wishes into account all your actions will have the reverse effect. You need their help, so you may have to tailor your desires to theirs.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Sometimes you get the feeling that the real action is elsewhere. If you're still wondering where the excitement is, give it a little longer. The whole situation changes before long, allowing all of you to go out and hunt for your heart's desire. And about time too!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
There is a great deal to be said for indulging yourself today. Some sort of treat is in order to lift your morale. You also deserve a reward for all those times you have put yourself out for other people. You may not receive the thanks you're expecting, but appreciation could arrive in other ways.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You still seem to have enough energy to keep your own plans on the go - and inspire other people with your example. As you've discovered, though, if you don't pace yourself and slow down as soon as you hear the warning signals, then you could end up completely burnt out and exhausted.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You're still not happy for other people to find out everything that you're doing, so you'll have some fine judgements to make, letting some folk into your confidence, but treading warily with others. And, if you can find some time to daydream, then go ahead!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Any desire to travel widely, perhaps to far-away places, should now be taking a major step forward. If life in foreign parts doesn't suit you, at the very least you should take steps to make your accommodation more airy and spacious. A little extra luxury wouldn't come amiss, either.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Expect a surprise of sorts. It seems that the consequences of the last few months' actions could be extremely important - and will be here sooner than you expect. It is also clear that what ever happens may bring back memories of something that took place around this time last month.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Discretion is vital. Yet it is amazing how much you can give away without telling anyone what is really going on! You have everything to gain from keeping a secret a little while longer. That way the surprise - and a partner's pleasure could be all the greater.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Social influences are strong, perhaps because you feel more confident and ready for an unusual encounter, on the look-out for strange coincidences. If you're on a short fuse, someone is bound to try and wind you up. A laugh and a smile should see you through.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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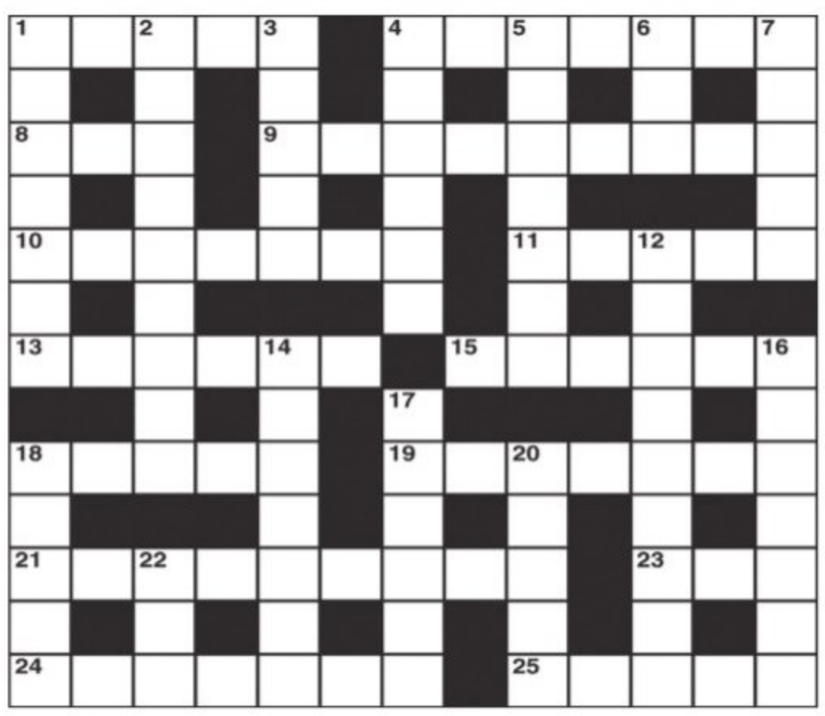
Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3 X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Left out of legitimate dread (5)
4 The way that leads to conflict (7)
8 Returned to strike a blow for equality (3)
9 Kids drink it (5,4)
10 Weep with the last broken glass (7)
11 Serving in them is a private job (5)
13 An intriguing plan? (6)
15 The village minister holds twins (6)
18 Seat of learning? (5)
19 Vessel after dispute put back in service (7)
21 Extremely clever in the ring perhaps (9)
23 It belongs to us though partly yours (3)
24 Listens out for recruits (7)
25 What one is not well out of? (5)

DOWN
1 Views the phases of the moon perhaps (7)
2 Unusually soft hairy shrub (9)
3 Come down on fire (5)
4 Ineffectively every seven days we hear (6)
5 Book store (7)
6 Egyptian name of some special interest (3)
7 They take longer if achieved without a hitch (5)
12 Close acquaintance (9)
14 Rolling Stones? (7)
16 Reveals I have a thousand shares (7)
17 Goes into liquidation when working hard (6)
18 A line from first consul in Elba upheaval (5)
20 Ceremonies said to produce privileges (5)
22 Not being well I will be concise (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Stalagmite, 8 Draft, 9 Empanel, 10 Synonym, 11 Idiom, 12 Reduce, 14 Strain, 17 Basra, 19 Morocco, 21 Thoreau, 22 Tries, 23 Countrymen.

Down: 2 Trained, 3 Latin, 4 Gleams, 5 Imprint, 6 Ennui, 7 Flamingoes, 8 Distribute, 13 Chapeau, 15 Ascribe, 16 Amount, 18 Stoic, 20 Ratty.

JUMBLE — UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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TARROO

MOCIEN

Sir, you need to check these bags.
I can get these to fit. I've done this tons of times. If you wouldn't charge so much, I'd have checked these.
Give us a break.
WHEN HIS LUGGAGE DIDN'T FIT INTO THE OVERHEAD BIN, THE PASSENGER ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DEPTH BYLAW USEFUL FREELY
Answer: When it comes to giving lawns morning moisture, Mother Nature tries to — "DEW" HER BEST

Locals in Mangaluru staged a protest in front of the police outpost in Farangipete on Thursday, demanding that the personnel trace a missing boy. Digant (17), a II-PU student and resident of Kidebettu near Farangipete, went missing on February 25, after he left home, saying he was going to Anjaneya temple. Locals allege no headway has been made in the case

7 held for murder of rowdy-sheeter

Investigation points to old rivalry behind crime

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SEVEN people, including two rowdy-sheeters, were arrested for the brutal murder of 38-year-old rowdy-sheeter **Hyder Ali** early on Sunday near Garuda Mall, in the Ashoknagar police station limits. An old rivalry is being cited as the reason for the murder.

The arrested have been identified as Nayyaz Pasha alias Naju, who has eight cases against him in Ashoknagar police station; Darshan, Raheed, and Waseem, all residents of Bengaluru; Rizwan, a rowdy-sheeter from Shivamogga; and Mateen and Saddam, also from Shivamogga.

According to the preliminary investigation, Pasha, the prime accused in the case, hatched a plot with his gang to kill Ali. There had been a long-standing enmity between Pasha and Ali, with both making multiple attempts to kill each other over the years. The investigation also revealed that both had been attacked twice by rival gangs in the past.

Around 1.30 am on February 24, Pasha, along with his gang, executed their plan. They divided themselves into two groups, one which tracked Ali's movements and the other which waited near the football stadium. As Ali was heading home with a friend after a party at a pub on Church Street, a few bikers followed him. As he neared Garuda Mall, a car intercepted his bike, and the gang pounced on him. They first stabbed him and then brutally assaulted him with lethal weapons, the police said, adding that a special team was formed under the Cubbon Park Sub-Division Assistant Commissioner of Police to investigate the case.

The police further said that four accused were detained on Tuesday and questioned, leading to the arrest of three more suspects. All seven were produced before court, which remanded them in police custody. The police are now interrogating the accused to determine if others were involved in the crime. They have confirmed that an old rivalry was the motive behind the murder.

DG&IGP Dr Alok Mohan (second from right) announces the Karnataka State Police Run, as Bengaluru City Police Commissioner B Dayananda, SBI Chief General Manager Joohi Smita Sinha and others look on, in Bengaluru on Thursday | VINOD KUMAR T

Karnataka State Police Run on March 9

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THE Karnataka State Police, in collaboration with the State Bank of India (SBI), Bengaluru Unit, is set to host the second edition of the Karnataka State Police Run on March 9 under the banner 'Namma Police, Namma Hemme' (Our Police, Our Pride).

The run will witness over 10,000 participants across all age groups competing in two categories—a 10k run for professional runners and a 5k run, open to all. The race will be held across all district headquarters in Karnataka. In Bengaluru, both races will start and end at Vidhana Soudha, passing through the scenic Cubbon Park. Winners will receive cash prizes.

During a curtain-raiser event on Friday evening, Alok Mohan, Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP), highlighted the event's role in promoting a greener Bengaluru, a drug-free Karnataka, and cybercrime awareness, while also encouraging senior citizens to stay active. The event was graced by Joohi Smita Sinha, Chief General Manager of SBI, Bengaluru Circle, City Police Commissioner B Dayananda, and other senior officials. Last date for registration for run is March 4.

IKEA PAYS OVER ₹65L IN PENALTY FOR VARIOUS VIOLATIONS

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SWEDISH furniture giant IKEA India Private Limited has coughed up a whopping Rs 65,93,600 as penalty for unauthorised usage of 4,021 HP (horsepower)-driven machinery for industrial and commercial purposes and selling aerated water, soft drinks and bottled water without valid licenses.

As per BBMP health officials, the firm is running a business and obtained a license from the corporation on May 13, 2022 and renewed it for five years. However, on January 8, officials inspected and found that the license obtained, did not allow the use of 4,021 HP-driven machinery and was also running aerated water, soft drinks & bottled water business without obtaining a valid license. In this regard, BBMP Dasarahalli Zone issued a notice to the company to pay Rs 65,93,600 for a total of five years from 2022-23 to 2026-27.

"Although notices were issued to IKEA twice, it had not responded in any way. In this regard, a third notice was issued on February 20. Accordingly, on February 25, IKEA submitted a DD in the name of the Chief Commissioner of BBMP for Rs 65,93,600 to obtain a business license for five years, including the fine amount for three years. The entire amount that was due to the corporation will be deposited in the BBMP account," said Zonal Commissioner Girish HC, urging traders to ensure they obtain required permission and licences to run their businesses.

Three arrested for assaulting restaurant owner

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THE HSR Layout police arrested a jewellery firm MD and his two associates for allegedly assaulting a restaurant owner on Wednesday morning. The accused have been identified as Vishnu Sharan Bhatt (36), MD of a private gold firm, along with his friends Thomas, and Sathish Swami.

Sources said on February 9, Bhatt, and his friends visited a restaurant near the BDA Complex in Koramangala for breakfast. After leaving, Bhatt allegedly kicked a parked two-wheeler and smashed it with his helmet. The incident was captured on the restaurant's CCTV, but the owner recognising Bhatt as a regular customer, chose to ignore it. However, on Wednesday morning, Bhatt returned for tea. When the owner questioned him about the previous incident, a heated argument ensued, leading to Bhatt allegedly assaulting and threatening to kill him. Investigation is on.

Foreigner assaults CISF personnel, co-pax at KIA, not allowed to fly

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HIGH drama was witnessed at terminal 2 of the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) on Wednesday (Feb 26) when an international flyer, holding both Australian and UK passports, created a ruckus in the departure zone. Foils Eliott Blair physically assaulted a Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel and other passengers, including women, standing in the queue behind him.

Blair was not allowed to fly and an FIR was filed by airport police under multiple sections, including a non-bailable one, an hour later.

Sources said that security checks were going on in the departure zone at 10.20 pm when Blair started yelling at a CISF official subjecting his baggage to checks. "It is not known what triggered him but he suddenly started abusing CISF constable Ramkumar Dalera, who was manning Beat-1. When other CISF personnel tried to pacify him, he started abusing them too and used unparliamentary words. He also started physically assaulting them and passengers standing behind him in the queue," said a cop.

Complaint filed

CISF Sub-Inspector Arvind Kumar Mishra, filed a complaint against him at BIAL police station for assaulting personnel of the Force.

The police registered an FIR under Sections 74 (assault or criminal force on woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 131 (assault or criminal force) 132 (deterring public servant from doing his duty using criminal force), 351 (2) (criminal intimidation and 353 (statements conductive to public mischief) of the BNS Act 2023.

Man held for making obscene sign at woman driver

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THE Chamarajpet police arrested a man for allegedly making an obscene sign at a woman while driving near Gopalan Mall on Wednesday around 4 pm. The victim, Akshatha Ravikumar, a national media panelist for the Indian Youth Congress, shared a video of the incident on X, which later went viral.

The accused has been identified as Harsha HB (43), a resident of Vijayanagar. Sources said that Akshatha was driving when she passed Harsha's car, leading to a brief exchange of words. Harsha then allegedly made an obscene hand gesture before driving away. He was accompanied by his family at the time. After the video went viral on social media, the police reached out to Akshatha. Based on her complaint, Harsha was booked under Section 79 (words, gestures, or acts intended to insult the modesty of a woman) of the BNS. The police traced his vehicle registration and arrested him after analysing the video footage.

Akshatha posted on X, stating: "Women drivers in Bengaluru face a lot of issues. After abusing, he breaks traffic rules, takes a U-turn, and jumped a red signal. This happened at 4 pm on the Mysore-Bangalore Road, near Gopalan Mall, on 26/02/2025. So are we going to just listen to these and neglect??"

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
ENERGY DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

No. ENG-HYD-HYDRO-0071-2020/2574/En., dated: 27.02.2025

In continuation to this Department Advertisement No.360 dt. 07.01.2025, the last date of receipt of application for the post of Managing Director in OHPC Ltd. is hereby extended to **31.03.2025**.

Special Secretary to Government

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Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrowers(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred till the date of payment and/or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	45359630001372	1) Mr. Siddaraju A G, 2) Mrs. Madevamma	16-12-2024 Rs.4,35,949.06 (Rupees Four Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Nine and Six Paisa Only) due as on 12-12-2024	Date: 25-02-2025 Time: 10:20 AM Symbolic Possession
	Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel for Property No.C, Property No.25, Sl.No.40, Khatha No.40/25/C, measuring East to West 25 feet and North to South 41 feet, totally measuring 1025 Sq.feet, situated at Ajjegowdanavalase Village, Thokasandra Gram Panchayath, Maralavadi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** 25 Feet of Pathway Road, **West by:** Property belongs to Puttarayamma, **North by:** Property belongs to Saraswathamma, **South by:** Property belongs to Saraswathamma. Measuring East to West: 7.61999 Mtr and North to South: 12.49679 Mtr.			
2	47049610000050 & 47049970000012	1) Mr. Ravi K P, 2) Mr. Puttaiah Shetty	05-12-2024 Rs.21,10,902.60 (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Two and Paisa Sixty Only) due as on 02-12-2024	Date: 25-02-2025 Time: 10:50 AM Symbolic Possession
	Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing CMC Khatha No.1189/6013, measuring East to West 18 Feet and North to South 59 ½ feet totally measuring 1071 Sq.feet, situated at Dharmaraj Works Shop Road, Kanakapura CMC, Kanakapura Town, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District, Ward No.18 and **Bounded on: East by:** Property belongs to Murthy Rao, **West by:** Property belongs to Sri Ramakrishna, **North by:** Property belongs to Sri Srinivas, **South by:** Pathway and house belongs to Dasappa.			

Whereas the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore Rural
Date: 28.02.2025
Sd/- Authorised Officer,
For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

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Sr. No.	Locker No	Name	Address	Rent Arrear
1	LAA109	**Addict Clothing**	No 1617 SHOP NO, MANAPURAM, BANGALORE - 560036	**Rs. 20,797.50**

Place : Bangalore
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SHORT E-TENDER NOTICE

TENDER No. PPD/DGM/PMC-B type buildings/T-07/2025 Dated:26.02.2025

Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority invites e-Tenders **"ONLINE"** in two Bid system (Technical and Price Bid) **from 28.02.2025 to 20.03.2025** from experienced consultant fulfilling the Minimum Eligibility Criteria (MEC) as stipulated in the Tender for the Work of **"Project Management Consultancy (PMC) Services for Repairs and Renovation work of "B" type -34 Nos. of Buildings in Sector - I & III at JN Port Township."** Detailed Notice Inviting Tender and Tender Document is available on JNPA website **"www.jnport.gov.in"** and **"https://eprocure.gov.in"**.

Chief General Manager (PP&D)

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Hunsur Wildlife Sub-Division, Hunsur
Ph: 08222-252041 e-mail –acfhunsurwlsd2020@gmail.com
No:ACF/HWLS/RB/Tender/CR-17/2024-25
Dated: 20.02.2025

Tender Notification

E-Tenders for the works in Anechowkur and Veeranahosahally Wildlife Range of Hunsur Wildlife Sub-Division for the year 2024-25 are invited through e-procurement portal (http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka from competent firms for the following works subjected to KW-3/4 terms and conditions.

Description of Work: Erection of railway barricade work including procurement of used rails. **Quantity:** 12.10 Km(14 Units). **Amount (Rs. In Lakhs):** 2,069.34 (*Subject to release of funds from Govt.)

◆ Last date of receipt of tender through e-portal: 06.03.2025 upto 16:00 hrs. ◆ If no contractors participate on 06.03.2025; re-tender will held on 14.03.2025 upto 17:30 hrs. ◆ No further notification will be published regarding Re-Tender. ◆ For more information contact the under signed office on working hours. Phone: 08222-252041

Sd/- Assistant Conservator of Forests

DIPR/DDMYS/1354/KSMCA/981/2024-25

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot has sent two more bills without approving. Karnataka Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2024, and the Karnataka Souharda Sahakari (Amendment) Bill, 2024. Governor has sent back asking government to revise these two bills. Sources said the Governor has expressed displeasure over the bills and said they are not satisfactory

T'gana requests K'taka to release 5tmcft of water for drinking purpose

Farmers furious with water release to TG, to protest today

FIROZ ROZINDAR @ Vijayapura

Karnataka has released water to Telangana for drinking purpose from the Almatti dam in Vijayapura district

AT a time when MLAs of the Krishna basin had directed officials of Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigam Limited (KBJNL) to store water in the Almatti reservoir till June for drinking needs, the government's decision to release 1.24tmcft of water to Telangana is being criticised by farmers.

Karnataka released 1tmcft of water from the Almatti and Narayanpur reservoirs to Telangana, reportedly on the request of the neighbouring state. The water, which was stored for the summer, has been released to Gugal Barrage and subsequently, to the dam in Ranga Reddy district.

Chief Engineer D Basavaraj of the Almatti Dam zone confirmed to *TNIE* that 1tmcft of water was released to Telangana through Narayanpur dam. "We released the water as per the order of the government. The Telangana government requested the State government to release 5tmcft of water for drinking purpose. However, since we don't have that much water to meet their demand, the government decided to release 1tmcft," he said.

Farmers' organisations, however, have condemned the decision. The organisations, including the Bharatiya Kisan Sangh (BKS), have voiced concern over potential water shortage in summer. "If water is released to Telangana, it will create problems during peak summer months. Despite objections, Water Resources Minister DK Shivakumar has shown special interest in releasing water," said BKS secretary Raghavendra Kamanatagi.

Meanwhile, Akhanda Karnataka Raita Sangha announced it would hold a protest on February 28 outside the DC's office. Amid the outcry, the government has defended its decision, stating that water has been released as per mutual understanding, and to keep up good relations with neighbouring states. "There is no mistake in providing water for drinking needs. In the past, Maharashtra has released water into the Krishna and Bhima rivers for drinking needs," said APMC Minister Shivanand Patil.

According to official data, the reservoir holds 50.463tmcft of water, of which 32.843tmcft is live storage. The total discharge from the reservoir stands at 10,475 cusecs on Thursday.

Water released to Telangana to appease Cong high command, asks LoP

BENGALURU: The BJP has slammed the Congress government in the state for releasing 1.24tmcft of water from Karnataka's reservoirs to Telangana, against the state's interests. Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka said the government last year had secretly released Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu, despite the state reeling under severe drought, and now, disregarding the scorching summer, it has released 1.24tmcft of water from the Almatti and Narayanpur reservoirs to Telangana. Addressing DCM DK Shivakumar, Ashoka said, "... though officials have advised that releasing water now will cause trouble to the state, you are releasing water to Telangana for your own political gains, despite opposition from farmers. Did you make any secret agreement with the Telangana Congress to please your high command for the CM's post?" he asked. "Is your political self-interest more important than protecting the interests of farmers and common people in the state? On what authority did you give permission to release Karnataka's water to Telangana? Self-respecting Kannadigas should teach this traitorous Congress government a lesson for denying water to Karnataka, while releasing water to other states," he charged. Responding to allegations that water was released from Narayanpur overnight, the DCM said, "Riverine states help each other in times of distress. They have helped us on many occasions and we will help them. 1tmcft of water was released because the irrigation minister of Telangana personally requested for it." **ENS**

BJP, JDS slam govt over rushing budget session

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

THE BJP and JDS are fuming over the Karnataka Budget session being crammed into a mere 15 working days, calling it an outright dismissal of legislative deliberation. Leaders argue that scrutinising the exhaustive demands of various departments requires meticulous discussion, but the government is steam-rolling through.

With the Governor's speech on March 3, followed by obituaries and debates, only 10 days will remain, for dissecting the budget, which is set to be presented on March 7. BJP state president BY Vijayendra lashed out, declaring, "This government has no intention of holding proper legislative sessions. Bengaluru alone needs 2-3 days of debate. Look at Belagavi - so many issues, but no time! They don't even have funds for development... what will they even talk about?"

Haveri MP said, "Adding fuel to the fire, the state's financial position is reportedly in shambles. Never before in Karnataka's history has it been this dire. With such a crisis, the budget holds unprecedented significance, demanding thorough scrutiny. Critical sectors like health, education, infrastructure, and regional development hang in the balance, yet the government seems hellbent on stifling debate."

The Opposition is accusing the government of blatant mismanagement, pointing out that funds earmarked last year remain unspent. Bommai said, "The Congress preaches about democracy, but what kind of democracy avoids detailed discussion?" The government, they say, is desperately trying to cover up its failures by curtailing debate, choking off the very discussions that could hold it accountable.

Former CM Jagadish Shettar slammed the drastic reduction in legislative sittings, stating, "The Council once met for 100 days a year. Then they cut it to 60. Now, even that's impossible! From March 3 to 21, only 15 days remain, and factoring in the Governor's address and budget presentation, we're left with just 10 days. How can we effectively debate the budget in this rushed timeline? We need at least 20-21 days!"

JDS deputy floor leader TA Sharavana echoed the frustration, highlighting how the government stifles crucial discussions. "In Belagavi, they promised to address North Karnataka's concerns, yet they wrapped up a day early. Our questions remain unanswered, and we feel the pain of this neglect. They talk about getting recliners for members, but what we really need is time - at least 30 days to bring people's issues to the floor."

Is there no money in treasury, asks JDS' Nikhil over delay in guarantee payments

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

SLAMMING the Congress government in the state, JDS Youth Wing state president Nikhil Kumaraswamy on Thursday alleged that those who said they would give money for the guarantee schemes every month, have promptly betrayed the people. "Is there no money left in the treasury? Or does CM Siddaramaiah lack the experience in managing the coffers?" he questioned.

"Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi had said they would provide the guarantees, including money through the Gruha Lakshmi scheme. However, no money is being deposited into people's accounts, as they had stated. It is not happening. Let them say on which day they will deposit the Gruha Lakshmi money. If it does not happen, we will take the calendar ourselves. Let them mark the date," he taunted.

Observing that the women of the state are confused because the said money is not being deposited into their bank accounts every month, Nikhil alleged, "The government is depositing money according to its whims and fancies. When elections arrive, they deposit 3-4 months' money all at once." He accused the Congress government of misusing the guarantee grants to win elections.

"The Congress government is deceiving people through its guarantees. We will fight against it inside and outside the Legislature. We will tell the people how the government is cheating them," he warned.

He insisted that the government should immediately announce the exact date for depositing the Gruha Lakshmi money If there is no money, at least they should admit it. "On the one hand, it is extorting the people by imposing taxes and price hikes on the pretext of guarantees, while on the other, it is lying that it is rescuing people through guarantees," he said.

In its two years in power, the government has failed to adequately deliver on many schemes. "CM Siddaramaiah, DCM DK Shivakumar... you promised to empower women by giving them Rs 2,000. However, now the women are surprised that the guarantee is coming in piecemeal form. Both of you must respond," Nikhil added.

'NO MLA WILL QUIT JDS'

Nikhil expressed confidence that none of the eighteen JDS MLAs will quit the party to join the Congress. "The ruling Congress has released Rs 10 crore in grants to each of their MLAs for the development of their constituencies just two years after coming to power. Is it sufficient for them to take up development? When the situation is like that, why should JDS MLAs move to Congress? How can the Congress lure MLAs who are attached to HD Deve Gowda's family?" he asked.

EXPRESS READ

Lingayats must unite under one umbrella: Patil

BENGALURU: Industries Minister MB Patil on Thursday reportedly revisited the campaign for a separate religion tag for the Veerashaiva Lingayat community, as he launched a book antagonising the earlier controversial work, 'Vachana Darshan', which propagated that the Veerashaiva Lingayat community is a part of Hinduism. He admitted that during the previous Congress government, mistakes were made both by the government and the community, in hurriedly pushing for separate religion status. Speaking after releasing the book 'Vachana Darshan: Truth vs Myth', at the Basava Samiti Hall, here, Patil alleged that there is an agenda to divide Lingayats. "The book 'Vachana Darshan' is a part of this. The community needs to respond to it in an organised and truthful manner," he added. "Although, there are 104 subsects among the Vokkaligas, there is no division among them. That community has only one spiritual head and one centre of authority. Lingayats number 2 crore, but due to the squabbles of sub-sects, it is being reported that the population is only 65 lakh in the caste census. Another caste census is not an answer," he said.

'PM using delimitation to weaken southern states'

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"HISTORICALLY, to prevent such discrimination, the last two delimitation exercises were based on the 1971 census. However, if the upcoming exercise follows the latest population data, Karnataka's Lok Sabha seats could shrink from 28 to 26, Andhra Pradesh's from 42 to 34, Kerala's from 20 to 12 and Tamil Nadu's from 39 to 31. Meanwhile, Uttar Pradesh would increase from 80 to 91, Bihar from 40 to 50, and Madhya Pradesh from 29 to 33," Siddaramaiah said.

Terming the move as blatant injustice that cannot be tolerated, Siddaramaiah asserted that delimitation must either continue using the 1971 census or increase seats proportionally for all states without reducing representation for the south.

He accused the Modi government of using delimitation as a political weapon to weaken southern states that reject the BJP. He recalled BJP President JP Nadda's election warning that Karnataka would suffer without BJP support and pointed out how the Centre has repeatedly neglected the state—from tax devolution and GST compensation to disaster relief and education policies.

Siddaramaiah urged Kannadigas to unite beyond caste, religion and party lines to oppose this injustice, warning that BJP MPs from Karnataka remain silent spectators while the state is continuously shortchanged.

STANDING TALL

Former chief minister BS Yeddiyurappa is offered cake by his sons, BJP state president BY Vijayendra and Lok Sabha member BY Raghavendra, on his 83rd birthday in Bengaluru on Thursday | EXPRESS

HC seeks govt response on panel appointments

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Thursday sought a response from the state government on the constitution of a committee to oversee implementation of the five guarantee schemes, conferring cabinet minister rank on the president and state minister status on vice-presidents of the committee.

A division bench of Chief Justice NV Anjaria and Justice MI Arun issued notice to the state government, HM Revanna, president of the Guarantee Scheme Implementation Committee, and vice-presidents SR Patil Byadagi, Dr Pushpa Amarnath and Meharaj Khan. The court sought a response from them, after hearing the petition filed by P Rajeev, former sub-inspector and social activist from Belagavi, questioning the government order dated January 25, 2024, and two other orders dated July 24, 2024.

Senior counsel Aruna Shyam, representing the petitioner, argued that the impugned orders were issued to constitute the committee to oversee implementation of the schemes. The government has proceeded to constitute state-level, district-level and taluk-level guarantee schemes implementing committees, as well as the BBMP guarantee schemes implementing committee.

The counsel also submitted that the content of the impugned order shows that the president and vice-presidents, member and member secretary are to be part of the implementing authorities. The president is given cabinet-rank status and vice-presidents have got state minister status. Those appointed as chairman and vice-chairman are neither cabinet ministers nor ministers of state. The appointees are political workers of the party who are given these posts, he argued. Shyam argued that these appointees are conferred cabinet-rank salary, pecuniary benefits and perks payable to ministers. He submitted that not only was the nature of the appointment and manner it was done highly objectionable, but the appointees are play a pivotal role in implementing schemes which are of high public importance and benefit, pointing out that it is a burden on the state's exchequer.

STATE GETS HC NOTICE OVER WITHDRAWAL OF CASES AGAINST 43 INFLUENTIAL PERSONS

Acting on a PIL challenging the decision taken to direct the Prosecution Department to withdraw criminal cases registered against 43 influential persons, including former ministers, MLAs, and presidents of several organisations, against the opinion of the prosecution and law departments that they are not fit to be withdrawn, the HC issued notice to the state government on Thursday. A division bench of Chief Justice NV Anjaria and Justice MI Arun issued notice to the Departments of Home, Prosecutions and Government Litigation, and Law after hearing a petition filed by lawyer Girish Bharadwaj, questioning the order dated October 15, 2024, directing the prosecution department to withdraw 43 cases registered between 2008 and 2023. Advocate Venkatesh P Dalwai argued that imposing prosecution to withdraw the cases against 43 influential persons is contrary to Section 321 of the CrPC, and also the law laid down by the Supreme Court, as the discretion of withdrawal of cases lies with the prosecutor on case-to-case basis, with the consent of the court. The cases to be withdrawn involve serious offences such as punishment for unlawful assembly, rioting, wrongful restraint, trespass, dacoity, etc., under the provisions of the IPC, Damage to Public Property Act, Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Prevention of Destruction of Property Act, and Religious Institution (Prevention of Misuse) Act.

DC's surprise: Pourakarmikas get VIP passes for Hampi Utsav

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Hampi, Hosapete

Vijayanagara Deputy Commissioner MS Divakara distributes VIP passes for Hampi Utsav among pourakarmikas in Hosapete on Thursday | EXPRESS

VIJAYANAGARA District Commissioner MS Divakara on Thursday distributed over 2000 VIP passes to pourakarmikas and their families for the Hampi Utsav. Divakara personally visited the houses of pourakarmikas in Hosapete town to distribute the passes, and also had dinner with their families. The VIP passes were distributed to pourakarmikas and those affected by leprosy.

The DC said it was an honour to pourakarmikas who work hard to keep the city clean every day. "They are responsible for the upkeep of the city during the festival and the rest of the year too. For the first time, we have reserved a separate gallery for them so they can watch all the entertainment and programmes."

Over 500 workers do their duty day and night for Hampi Utsav, but many only dream about watching the programmes with their family members, Divakara said. "It's an honour from the district administration. I had a meal with them when I went to distribute the passes. Their love and affection is unforgettable," he said.

Nagappa Harijan, one of the pourakarmikas, was overwhelmed that the DC himself visited the area where a colony of workers resides in Hosapete. "The DC invited my family and gave a VIP pass. During the Hampi Utsav, I have often thought that I should go with my family, but it is not possible. Now the DC's VIP pass will help my family enjoy the Utsav like VIPs," he smiled.

Virupaksh V Hampi, a resident of Hampi, said the Vijayanagara administration has taken a good step and hoped that DC Divakara's gesture would be continued every year.

Utsav inauguration today, CM likely to skip grand event

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hampi, Hosapete

ONE of Karnataka's biggest events, Hampi Utsav, is to be thrown open to the public, but Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is likely to skip the prestigious event. Vijayanagara district minister Zameer Ahmed Khan said the CM's presence depends on his doctor's suggestion.

Siddaramaiah's absence has led to discontent among the public, with people pointing out that the CM has visited various places, including Mysuru, and if there is a party meeting in New Delhi, he will go but will not visit Hampi.

Vijayanagara district administration is ready to host the three-day Utsav in a grand manner. More than 80,000 chairs and four entry points to the main stage have been kept ready to welcome the public. In all, 3,000 police personnel were deployed and over 500 CCTV cameras installed across the event venue.

Among the six stages is the main stage -- the main MP Prakash stage at Gayatri Mantapa – which for the first time will host Mahanavami Dibba. Minister Zameer Khan visited Hampi and inspected the final preparations for Hampi Utsav. More than 5,000 artistes from various states and districts are participating in the event. Kannada film stars Ramesh Arvind, Ramya, Upendra and other artistes will perform. Ten ambulances have been arranged, and drinking water arrangements have been made at 50 places by the district administration. A helpline desk and temporary police station was set up near the main stage in Hampi.

The Pangode police on Thursday recorded the arrest of A R Afan, who is accused of serial killing, in connection with one of the murders that took place in their limits. Afan, who is undergoing treatment, was arrested for murdering his 88-year-old grandmother Salma Beevi

DAY 6 OF SLBC RESCUE

RESCUE TEAMS CLEAR PATH, YET TO REACH CRITICAL 40M AREA

Telangana minister says ops will be over within next 2-3 days

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hyderabad

RESCUE teams intensified operations on Thursday, the sixth day, inside the Srisailam Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel to rescue the eight trapped workers. Using gas and plasma cutters, the teams made some progress in clearing the debris of the tunnel boring machine (TBM).

Rescue personnel are expected to cross the previously inaccessible 40-metre area after the path near the TBM was cleared. A multi-agency rescue operation is in full swing at the SLBC, with the country's top experts and advanced equipment deployed to save the trapped workers. Teams have been removing slush and dewatering the tunnel, where the water seepage rate is estimated at around 5,000 litres per minute. Once the debris is cleared, teams will be able to reach the TBM.

The rescue mission involves personnel from the Army, Navy, NDRF, SDRF and Border Roads Organisation, with South Central Railway's plasma cutters and other specialised equipment being used. Efforts are also underway to extract the TBM from the tunnel.

Dewatering operations in progress at SLBC Tunnel in Hyderabad on Thursday

Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy, after a review of the situation on Thursday, said the rescue operations would be completed within the next two to three days. Regular tunnel work would resume in two to three months, he mentioned, describing the incident as one of the most complex tunnel accidents in the country's history.

The minister pointed out that multiple national and international agencies — for the first time — have come together for a rescue mission of this scale. Eleven top agencies specialising in tunnel disasters are leading the operation.

Teams are working round the clock, deploying the most advanced technology, including plasma cutters, high-grade shutters and debris removal machinery, while international experts oversee the strategy. "The tunnel boring machine and dewatering processes have been reactivated to clear obstructions," the minister said. "This is an extremely challenging operation, and the best experts in the field are involved. They are risking their lives to complete the rescue mission," Uttam added.

Fake marks cards scam busted in K'buragi

RAMAKRISHNA BADSESHI
@ Kalaburagi

Police show the fake marks cards at a press conference on Thursday | EXPRESS

THE Cyber Economic and Narcotics (CEN) Police Station of Kalaburagi has busted an interstate fake marks card scam involving different universities across the country and seized materials used to prepare fake marks cards.

Police Commissioner of Kalaburagi, Sharanappa S. D., said that based on a tip-off, CEN police team kept an eye on I4U Glam Choice Cloth Shop situated on the first floor of Asian Mall of Kalaburagi and found that a person Mohammad Khan, resident of Gousnagar Tarfile Kalaburagi in the name of Elegance Technologies and Placement Bureau used to sell 10th, 12th, ITI, diploma, B.E. and B.Tech marks cards to youths. He used to demand the amount depending on the class and the degree they wanted and the sale amount differed depending on the reputation of the institution. He used to sell the marks cards after asking his customers whether they wanted fake certificates from fake universities, private universities or from the existing universities.

The amount of marks varied from Rs 10,000 to Rs 50,000, based on the marks cards and universities.

Based on preliminary investigation, the police commissioner constituted a team, under the leadership of Assistant Police Commissioner Madolappa P.S. of CEN Police Station, that took Mohammad Khan into custody and during interrogation he revealed that he used to place orders and collect fake marks cards from Rajiv Singh Arora, a resident of Rama Park Apartment, Dwarka Mor in New Delhi.

The team went to New Delhi, arrested Arora and seized two laptops, hard disc, pen drives, a printer, 36 mobile phones, 522 fake marks cards of 28 different universities of the country. Apart from this, the team seized 122 fake seals, 1,626 blank marks cards bearing the names of different universities, 87 passbooks of different banks, cheque books, ATM cards and an amount of Rs 1.20 lakh from him.

SOON, TOURISTS CAN VISIT K'TAKA BACKWATERS IN SEA PLANES

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

TOURISM Minister HK Patil on Thursday said to boost tourism in the state, the government is working on launching sea planes to destinations like Hampi, KRS and Almatti backwaters.

The idea was also announced by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah during the inauguration of the two-day Karnataka International Travel Expo (KITE) on Wednesday, Patil said. He was speaking to media on the sidelines of the launch of the KITE B2B meetings in Bengaluru.

He said the government is keen on providing all facilities to improve tourism and is working to promote lesser-known destinations, which are also known as the 'tourism gems'. The government is working to improve rail, road connectivity and other infrastructure facilities.

To a query on what steps the department is taking to show its presence on multiple platforms, Patil said talks are on with the Ministry of External Affairs to create a website to disseminate information about Karnataka in other countries in multiple foreign languages.

Patil also showcased the launch of the state's first 3D virtual tour of heritage destinations that are protected by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). Patil said the 3D short films have been created showcasing the state's heritage of 20-30 temples and locations.

Tourism dept promotes 3D tour of heritage sites

The state tourism department on Thursday launched the 3D virtual tour of heritage sites at the Karnataka International Travel Expo (KITE). The five- to seven-minute videos with details of the destination and temples can be seen by tourists at the Museum of Art Photography at Kasturba Road. Additional Secretary, tourism department, Salma Fahim, told The New Indian Express that studios will also be set up at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), the KSTDC head office and art galleries. The 3D virtual tour was created by the department in association with Opezee, a Bengaluru-based 3D holographic experience firm. Salma said presently only ASI sites have been documented and showcased.

Türkiye woos Indian tourists

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Türkiye and Türkiye Tourism Promotion and Development Agency (TGA) held the fourth leg of their 'India Destination Promotion Event 2025' in Bengaluru on Thursday, after Kolkata, Chennai and Hyderabad. The six-city promotional series is to foster deeper tourism ties between Türkiye and India.

Over 200 participants, including travel agencies, tour operators and hospitality professionals, took part in the event, which was led by Counsellor for Culture and Tourism Affairs, Embassy of the Republic of Türkiye, Basak Onsal Demir, along with TGA representative Zeynep Sinem Özyalçin. The latter highlighted the Middle Eastern country's expanding tourism portfolio, unveiling new destinations like the Aegean coasts, the ancient marvel of Göbeklitepe, and the historically rich Tas Tepeler region, and specialised offerings in the wedding and Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Engagements (MICE) segments. Türkiye's growing popularity in the Indian market is evidenced by an impressive 20 per cent surge in interest in 2024.

Representatives of Turkish Airlines and IndiGo reinforced their commitment to seamless air connectivity between India and Türkiye. Participants from Bengaluru pressed for direct flights between the city and Istanbul.

For details on Türkiye, visit: https://www.goturkiye.com/

LANGUAGE ROW

Hindi swallowed many northern dialects: Stalin

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

CHIEF Minister and DMK president M K Stalin, in the latest of his letter series in party organ Murasoli, stated that Hindi has swallowed native languages spoken in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and other northern states.

He listed that languages such as Bhojpuri, Maithili, Awadhi, Braj, Bundeli, Garhwali, Kumaoni, Magahi, Marwari, Malvi, Chhattisgarhi, Santhali, Angika, Ho, Kharia, Khortha, Kurmali, Kurukh and Mundari are now gasping for survival. He also said that UP and Bihar were never just Hindi heartlands.

"In Bihar, the native people are now attempting to revive Maithili, their language. Bhojpuri and Awadhi are also being revived. Indigenous languages of many northern states including Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Haryana and Rajasthan became extinct leading to the loss of their culture, literature," he elaborated.

"The dominant languages of Hindi and Sanskrit have ruined about 25 languages in the northern states. Due to the efforts and struggles of the Dravidian movement, Tamil remains protected. The union government now wants to spoil this too and that is why Tamil Nadu is opposing it," he wrote.

5k-litre school water tank implodes in Athani taluk

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Athani

AN accident was narrowly averted when a 5,000 litres water tank at the Government Kannada and Marathi Primary School premises imploded, in Khilegaon village of Athani taluk. The incident occurred around 11.30 am on Wednesday, causing structural damage but fortunately resulting in no injuries or fatalities among students and staff.

Upon receiving reports of the incident, officials from the Education Department visited the site. Authorities have initiated a thorough investigation to determine the exact cause of the explosion and identify those responsible for any lapses in construction and maintenance standards. A case has been registered at Athani Police Station. Meanwhile, local authorities of the school have assured parents and residents that measures will be taken to prevent similar incidents in the future.

Preliminary investigations suggest that substandard construction and contractor negligence may have contributed to the failure of the structure. Reports indicate that poor-quality materials and inadequate maintenance could have weakened the tank.

The water unit, which was constructed four years ago with financial assistance from the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), burst unexpectedly, leading to the collapse of the school's perimeter wall. Fortunately, no children were near the tank at the time of the explosion, preventing what could have been a major disaster, released the initial report.

TEMPERS FLARE

A protest march taken out by Youth Congress workers, expressing solidarity with striking ASHA workers, turned violent in Thiruvananthapuram on Thursday | BP DEEPU

2 minors girls sexually assaulted, 2 men, mom held

Chennai: Two siblings, aged 13 and 15, were sexually assaulted at their house in Tiruvottiyur a few days ago. Two men have been arrested by the police in this connection, along with the girls' mother for aiding them. The girls' father lodged a complaint on Monday stating that his wife got acquainted with two men a few months ago. The men, identified as Abdul Kalam (23) and Mohammad Rafiq (23) had come home and allegedly raped his daughters. Although his wife knew about this, she did not report it. ENS

K'taka to establish country's first AVGC-XR Park

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

FROM powering Hollywood blockbusters to shaping the future of eSports, India's animation, visual effects, gaming, and extended reality (AVGC-XR) industry has moved beyond the sidelines to take centre stage. With a $1.4 billion animation market, a gaming industry growing at 23% annually despite taxation challenges, and 590 million gamers nationwide, the country is no longer playing catch-up—it is setting the pace, said IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge.

Kharge was speaking during the GAFX 2025 inauguration on Thursday, where expo, for the first time, is also open to the public for free of cost to enable connections between youngsters and creators.

During the event, the minister also announced plans for Karnataka to establish the country's first AVGC-XR Park, with an aim to position it as a global hub for animation, visual effects, gaming, and comics. "The park will be part of a larger initiative housing multiple technology-focused centres, offering state-of-the-art production studios, integration spaces for start-ups, international collaborations, and research facilities to drive innovation in immersive digital content. As part of its long-term vision, Karnataka aims to collaborate with over 200 educational institutions and industry partners to train at least 50,000 professionals in AVGC-XR through specialised, standardised skill development programmes," he said.

Kharge maintained that Bengaluru already leads India's gaming sector, with Karnataka hosting the highest number of gaming start-ups. Over the past decade, the state has seen an average of three new companies launching each year. Karnataka is also home to five institutes dedicated to animation, three focused on digital effects, and 12 specializing in gaming, making up a significant portion of India's 129 AVGC training centre, Kharge said, adding that by 2029, the government aims for a 50% increase in operational efficiencies.

A major highlight of GAFX 2025 was the collaboration between Zebu Animation and Tinkle, unveiled by actor Rana Daggubati, to bring India's iconic comics to life using advanced animation techniques. The Esports National Championship was another major attraction, where India's top four esports teams competed in the grand finale of Counter-Strike 2.

Sparsh Hosps to come up in Hennur, Sarjapur

BENGALURU: Sparsh Group of Hospitals (SGH) is set to launch its latest state-of-the-art facilities in Hennur and Sarjapur. Dr Sharan Shivaraj Patil, Chairman & Chief Orthopaedic Surgeon, SGH, said, "Our focus is on integrating the latest medical advancements, such as robotic surgeries, digital health, and a dedicated Women & Children Centre, while ensuring world-class healthcare remains within reach for every individual." The Hennur and Sarjapur facilities will enhance access to specialised treatment programmes and research-driven patient care. From existing seven hospitals, this year with Hennur and Sarjapur, the Group will have nine hospitals with focus on world-class quality care. The group ensures treatments are more precise, efficient, and affordable with premiumness, a press release said. "The future of healthcare lies in a seamless fusion of technology, research, and compassionate care. Our goal is to not only treat diseases but to anticipate them, prevent complications, and personalize treatment like never before," added Dr Patil. ENS

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that my Client Mr. **Nagappa S/o Krishnappa**, Aged about 49 years, R/at No.2/101-1, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Bagaluru Village, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu-635103, (Aadhar No.8388 9716 1278), C/o Thyagaraj, S/o Govindappa, Muttaghatti Road, Anekal Town, Bangalore-562106 has Lost his Original **Registered Document No.2537/2022**, dated 31-01-2022, Registered in the office of Hosur Sub-Registrar Office in Sy. No. 144/3B, dry extent 0.19 Assit Rs.0.53 in this an extant of 0.15 (Fifteen Cents) Agricultural Dry Land, situated at Bagaluru Village, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu-635103.

In this regard My Client has also preferred a Police Complaint on 12-08-2024 before the Inspector of Police, Anekal Police Station, and the Police taken Complaint on File on **C.Miss No.84/2025, (Petition No.417/1330/2025)** on dated 27-02-2025 that my Client has not created my charge over the Property covered under the above said document. If Found, the Document may kindly be delivered to the under mentioned address, any objection from the concerned Public will not be entertained or bind my Client after from 7 days of this Public Notice.

M. Manjunath-Advocate
Anekal-562106

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client, Mr. Ramesh Babu, has applied for a loan with Financial Institution/ Bank and has mortgaged the property described in the schedule below. If anyone has any objections, please contact me at the details provided.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of bearing property No. 20 situated at Motappamapalya, 1st main road Indranagar Bangalore, measuring east to west 30 feet or 9.14 meters and north to south 13 feet or 3.96 meters, in all totaling 36.79 square meters and bounded on

East by : Site no 74, **West by** : Road,
North by : Property of maniyamma,
South by : property of subramanya.

SHEKAR L S, Advocate
2589, 5th Main, K S Layout II Stage,
Bengaluru-560 111.
Ph: 63663 25210
Bengaluru, Date: 27.02.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **Heritage Baptist Ministries** #4, Pukhraj Layout, Banneraghatta Road, Bangalore-560030 Rep by **Adrian Mark Hendricks** is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Mrs. Chellathai Ayyappanaicker** W/o Late. Sri.Jayakar Krishnasamy; any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land, bearing **Survey No.13/1A**, situated at **Tattaguppe Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District**, measuring in all about **1 Acre 15 Guntas**, and bounded as :-

East by : Mango Grove belonging to Temple, West by : Land belonging to Smt.Rajamma, North by : Land belonging to Sri.K.M. Krishnappa, South by : Land belonging to Sri.Lurduswamy and Smt.Rajamma

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Smt. **Budigere Uma Suresh** W/o Sri .B.V. Suresh Babu, R/at "Divya", 1st Main Road, New Extension, Kolar, do hereby notify the General Public that I being the absolute owner of the property described in the schedule here below having purchased the same under the sale deed dt. 29.06.2004, executed by Smt. Shobag Bai & others, registered as Doc. No. SHV-1-01556/2004-05 & stored in C.D. No. SHVD10, in the office of the Sub – Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru, had contracted for sale of the same with Dr. Chennu Prasad S/o. Sri. Narasimha Rao Chennu, R/at Pedda Pavani, Lingasamudram Mandalam, Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh and also concluded the sale transaction by executing the sale deed dt. 11.12.2024, pending receipt of the balance sale consideration agreed to be paid by the said purchaser. However, on execution of the said sale deed it is transpired that I have lost / mislaid the original of the aforesaid sale deed dt. 29.06.2004, relating to the Schedule Property. If anybody is in possession or having knowledge about the whereabouts of the said documents, the same may kindly be returned or intimated to me forthwith.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment No.006, E-PID No. 8275825900, situated in the Ground Floor of the building known as **'Salarpuria Cambridge Residency'** constructed on property bearing No. 32/2, situated at someswarapura, 1st Cross, Ulsoor, Bengaluru, having a built up area of **1659 Sq. feet and exclusive garden area measuring 1060 sq.ft., along with 718.77 Sq. feet** of undivided share in the land and one covered car parking space No.23, in the Basement floor of the building.

Place : Bengaluru **(BUDIGERE UMA SURESH)**
Date : 27.02.2025 Ph: 8553844111

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client Sri Anil V Patel , S/o Sri V.V. Patel, is the absolute owner of the site property, more fully described in the Schedule, having acquired through a Sale Deed dated 15/10/1990 executed by Sri Krishna, registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk as No. 1923/1990-91 in Book No. I, Volume 3289, pages 28 to 31. But, my client has irretrievably lost the original of the above Sale Deed.

My client has lodged a E-Lost complaint Report with Karnataka State police on 27/02/2025 in this regard.

If anyone finds the above document, or if anyone is having this document in their custody, the same may be handed over to the undersigned within Fifteen days from the date of this Public Notice. If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim over the schedule property or any person or persons claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within Fifteen days from today, along with relevant claim documents, failing which, it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and any claim received thereafter will not bind my clients or their mortgagees or subsequent purchasers, and would not be considered by my client or subsequent transferees. For the purposes of future transactions, the sale deed will be treated as irretrievably lost.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Northern Portion of the House Property bearing Khaneshmari Number 335/7, situated in Bilekahalli Village, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West: (38' + 36')/2 and North to South: 30 feet, totally measuring 1110 square feet, along with a building thereon, coming under BBMP, and bounded on: **East by:** Property belonging to Sri Munivenkatappa, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Property belonging to Sri Neelasandra Krishnappa, **South by:** Property bearing Khatha No. 335/7.

J.N. ALASINGAR, Advocate
193, 5th Main Road, 3rd Phase J.P. Nagar,
Bangalore – 560 078,
Mob : 9845944158, 990095158
Date: 28-02-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client Sri Kishore V Patel, S/o Sri V.V. Patel, is the absolute owner of the site property, more fully described in the Schedule, having acquired through a Sale Deed dated 11/10/1990 executed by Sri Srinivas, registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk as No. 1893/1990-91 in Book No. I, Volume 3289, pages 13 to 17. But, my client has irretrievably lost the original of the aboveSale Deed.

My client has lodged a E-Lost complaint Report with Karnataka State police on 27/02/2025 in this regard.

If anyone finds the above document, or if anyone is having this document in their custody, the same may be handed over to the undersigned within Fifteen days from the date of this Public Notice. If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim over the schedule property or any person or persons claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within Fifteen days from today, along with relevant claim documents, failing which, it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and any claim received thereafter will not bind my clients or their mortgagees or subsequent purchasers, and would not be considered by my client or subsequent transferees. For the purposes of future transactions, the sale deed will be treated as irretrievably lost.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Northern Portion of the House Property bearing Khaneshmari Number 335/5, situated in Bilekahalli Village, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West: (66' + 64')/2 and North to South: 40 feet, totally measuring 2600 square feet, along with a building thereon, coming under BBMP, and bounded on: East by: Private Property, **West by:** Road, North by: Private Property, **South by:** Private Property

J.N. ALASINGAR, Advocate
193, 5th Main Road, 3rd Phase J.P. Nagar,
Bangalore – 560 078,
Mob : 9845944158, 990095158
Date: 28-02-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my client Mr.Thavamani.S. intends to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from Sri. Pradeep.K. Abraham. The Said Pradeep.K. Abraham after the execution of the sale deed in his favour had to go abroad for higher studies and hence could not collect the registered sale deed bearing Document No. 10679/1995-96 from the Sub-registrar Office. On arrival of Sri.Pradeep.K. Abraham and further on enquiry, the District Registrar has issued an endorsement dated 16/11/2006 bearing No. DDR: 78/2006 stating that the above said Document has been destroyed after two years from the date of Registration since the same has not collected with in the prescribed time. Sri. Pradeep.K.Abraham has not executed any sale deed, sale agreement and neither availed any loan nor mortgaged the schedule property in any Banks.NBFC, or any other Financial institution or any other deeds with any person/s.If any body is having any claim, objections, interest,dispute for the intended sale transaction, he/she may contact the undersigned with documentary proof substantiating his/her claim/any objections if any within **10 days** of publication of this notice failing which my client, will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above owner as if there are no third party claims/objections/disputes in respect of the Schedule Property and there after no claim's/objections will be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing House List No. 11, Bilekahalli Village, Sanitary Board Khatha No.542/5, situated at Bilekahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 53+50/2 Feet, North to South 30 feet, the present BBMP Property No-11, Someshwara Layout, Bilekahalli, Bangalore, BBMP Ward No.188, Bilekahalli ward with Old PIDNo./Khatha/Sy.No. 1543/1427/1139/542/5/11 and bounded on the **East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Property No.12, **South by:** Property No.10

S/d- **LAZAR AND ASSOCIATES ADVOCATES**
No.20, 2nd Cross, Bhevani Nagar,
Bangalore-560029. Mob: 9845000385,
9449669323, Date:27-02-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client **Mr. Ghatgey Chandra Sekhar** residing at G.V.A.002 G-Floor, A Block Temple Bells Premier, RR Nagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560098.

Our client **Mr. Ghatgey Chandra Sekhar** has lost the Original Registered sale deed bearing Doc. No. 2605/2002-03 dated 26.06.2002 registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar Yelahanka in respect of the All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No. 104, CMC Khatha No. 402/104, formed in Converted land bearing Sy.Nos. 57 and 58 (as per D.C Conversion order No. B.dis.ALN.SR(NA)30/96-97 Dated 24.09.1996), measuring East to West 40ft and North to South 33+37/2ft. Total measuring 1400 Sq.ft Situated at Thindlu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, and bounded on:

East by : Site No. 107
West by : Road
North by : Private Property
South by : Site No.105.

While in his custody. The said property is in possession of **Mr. Ghatgey Chandra Sekhar** and is absolutely free from any encumbrance whatsoever.

My Client had lost the above mentioned Sale deed & Inspite of several efforts the Original Sale deed not found and he has not I found and he has lodged the police complaint through online dated 26.02.2025 Lost Report No. 1496492/2025.

If any person found or anyone having any claim or interest over the said property, he/she is requested to forward their claims along with the relevant documents to us within 07 days of this public notice. If we do not receive any claim from any person within 07 days, It will be strictly presumed that this property is absolutely free from any claim or encumbrance and no one has any claim over this property and if any One found the above deed kindly contact below mentioned.

PREMA B DUBALE
FFD VI, 4th Floor, Sampoorna Chambers,
Vasavi Temple Road, V.V. Puram, Bengaluru-
560004. 080-42053588 / 080-42296969

JODHPUR VIDYUT VITARAN NIGAM LIMITED

(MATERIAL MANAGEMENT & CONTRACT WING) NEW POWER HOUSE,
INDUSTRIAL AREA, JODHPUR-342003 PHONE: (0291) 2742223, FAX: (0291) 2746539

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

E-Procurement Short Term Tender is invited for purchase of 11 KV Porcelain Type Pin Insulator under TN 2044 (UBN JVV2425GLOB01051).

Details regarding Quantity, Tender cost, Earnest Money, Schedule date of tender opening for aforesaid tenders are available on our website at **www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jdvvnl** and also at **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.**

Raj.Samwad/C/24/12335 **SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (MM&C)**

बिजली संबंधी शिकायतों के लिए टोल फ्री नम्बर 1800 180 6045

THE KARNATAKA STATE CO-OPERATIVE APEX BANK LTD.,

No.1, 'UTHUNGA', Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560018.
Phone: 080-26983700, 26983722, 22976600
E-mail: recoverycell@karnatakaapex.com

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8(1)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated **20.03.2023** calling upon the Borrowers; **1) Sri Muniyandi. M. S/o. Late Murugan. A,** No. 32/19, Lakshmaiah Block, Near Ammayamma Compound, Ganganagar, Bengaluru - 560032, **Also at:** SHARP & TANNAN, Chartered Accountants, #13, MID Ford, House No.1, MID Ford Garden, Bengaluru - 560001 and **Guarantors: 2) Sri Uday Kumar. K. S/o. Kuppaswamy. M.,** #139, 4th Main, 3rd Cross, Near KHB Office, Gangappa Block, Ganganagar, Bengaluru - 560032, **3) Sri M. Anbu S/o. A. Murugan,** #25, Jayaraj Nagar, 'B' Street, Austin Town, Viveka Nagar, Bengaluru - 560047 and **4) Sri Kuppaswamy. M. S/o. Subbaraya Mottai,** #2, 2nd Cross, Gangappa Block, Ganganagar, Bengaluru - 560032, **Also at:** Technician, Sri Lakshmi Motor Services Pvt. Ltd., By Pass Road, Devanahalli, Bengaluru Rural - 562110 to repay the amount mentioned in the said Notice being **Rs.33,70,040/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Seventy Thousand and Forty Only) as on 02.03.2023** together with future interest thereon at contractual rate of interest along with the cost and charges **within 60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and Guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **25th Day of February of the year 2025.**

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., Yelahanka Branch** for an amount of **Rs.33,70,040/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Seventy Thousand and Forty Only) as on 02.03.2023** together with future interest thereon at contractual rate of interest and costs and charges till the date of realization.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

All that piece and parcel of the residential property New Municipal bearing No.369, having PID No.96-54-369, 12th Cross Road, Seethappa Layout, BBMP Ward No.96, Bengaluru earlier Eastern Portion of Site No. 32, Formed in Survey No. 60/2, situated at Cholanayakanahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 20 feet and North to South 35 feet in all measuring 700 square feet along with building constructed thereon and bounded on: **East by :** Site No.31, **West by** : Remaining portion of Site No.32 belongs to Ramachandraiah, **North by :** Site No.35, **South by :** 25 Feet Road.

Date : 25-02-2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd.,**

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office: No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar,
Kumbakonam - 612001. **E-Mail id:** crmd@cityunionbank.in,
Phone: 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.16,22,827/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Seven only)** as on **24-02-2025** together with further interest to be charged from **25-02-2025** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. A M T Silk, No.226/433/45/2, Ward No.23, Tippu Nagar, Ramanagara - 562159. No.2) Mr. Amjad Khan, S/o. Ayub Khan, No.43, 3rd Cross, Tippu Nagar, Mohalla, Near Bismillah Circle, Ramanagara - 571511. No.3) Mrs. Kouser Banu, W/o. Amjad Khan, No.43, 3rd Cross, Tippu Nagar, Mohalla, Near Bismillah Circle, Ramanagara - 571511. No.4) Mrs. Shameen Taj, W/o. Ayub Khan, No.43, 3rd Cross, Tippu Nagar, Mohalla, Near Bismillah Circle, Ramanagara - 571511. Also at, Mrs. Shameen Taj, W/o. Ayub Khan, No.164/B, 3rd Cross, Tippu Nagar, Bismillah Circle, Ramanagara - 562159.**

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mrs. Shameen Taj, W/o. Ayub Khan)

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Municipal Khata No.226/433/45/2 Measuring : East to West (40 Feet) and North to South (60 Feet) Situated at Kothipura Amanikere Ramanagara Town, Ramanagara District. Total extent of Plot 2,400 sq.ft. with Residential Building Constructed therein. Bounded on : East by : House of Sharif Saheb, West by : House of Khaleemulla, North by : Private Property, South by : Road.

Reserve Price : Rs.23,00,000/-
(Rupees Twenty Three Lakh only)

AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
08-04-2025	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch,** B.M.Road, 316, I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru-Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural - 571511. Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195.

Terms and Conditions of Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch, B.M.Road, 316, I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru - Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural - 571511. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195. (5)** The property/ ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the Sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 26-02-2025 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612001, **CIN** - L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYAT OFFICE, BELAGAVI-590002

Telephone:0831-2407207/2407212 e-mail address:dsadmbgm@gmail.com

TENDER NOTIFICATION

FOR SUPPLY OF FURNITURE TO GRAM PANCHAYAT LIBRARIES LOCATED IN BELAGAVI DISTRICT

Under the Central Governments "Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment" program for "Children and Adolescents Libraries Digital Infrastructure".

The Deputy Secretary (Administration), Zilla Panchayat Belagavi hereby invites Technical & Commercial Bids from eligible bidders for supply of Furniture to the Gram Panchayat Libraries located in Belagavi District, Karnataka through Public Procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) Prospective bidders willing to participate in this tender shall necessarily register themselves with above mentioned Public Procurement Portal.

1:Tender Reference No and date:No:ZPBGM/ADM/ LIBRARY/ CR-43/2024-25 Dt:24.02.2025, 2:Approximate Estimated bid value: Rs: 477.00 Lakhs, 3 :Tender document available for download and Tender starting Date:25.02.2025, 4:Pre Bid meeting: Date: 03.03.2025 11.00 AM @ ZP office Belagavi, 5:Last date & Time for submission of Tender:Date: 11.03.2025 04.00 PM, 6:Date & Time of opening of technical bid: Date: 12.03.2025 04.00 PM, 7:Tentative Date and time for submission of samples:Date:17.03.2025 11.00 AM @ ZP Office Belagavi, 8:Tentative Date & Time of opening of Commercial bid: Date:19.03.2025 11.30 AM, 9:EMD Amount @ 1.5%:Rs. 7,15,500/-

Prospective suppliers willing to participate in this tender can download the bid documents by visiting the web site https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. .

For any tender clarification contact: Mobile: 9480854001 e-mail: dsadmbgm@gmail.com

Sd/- **Sd/-**
Deputy Secretary (Administration), Zilla Panchayat Belagavi and Tender Inviting Authority | **Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat Belagavi and Tender Accepting Authority**

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1778/KSMCA/2024-25

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda — Bank of Baroda, Palace Orchards Branch,

Palace Orchards Branch, Sadashivnagar, Old #386, New #3, 13th Cross, Opp. New Shanthi Sagar, Near Bhashyam Circle, Bangalore-560080. Phone: 080 - 23612939, 23618680, 23614360 (F)

NOTICE TO BORROWER

(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

'At your request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its **Bank of Baroda.** The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement/documents & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facilities have become irregular, the debts have been classified as Non Performing Assets in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrowers in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by register AD calling upon you, was un-served/not acknowledged, this publication is now issued.

1.Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: 1) Mr Sunil Kumar Rana S/o Mr Trilochana Rana, R/o At Flat No 006A, Gowri Apartments Block C, No.19 II Floor Devasandra, RMV Extenstion II Stage, Bangalore-560054. **Correspondence Address:** Mr Sunil Kumar Rana S/o Mr Trilochana Rana, Flat No.202 II Floor, G H Mansion Apartment, Site bearing No.18 Kodigehalli Village, Byatarayanapura CMC, Yelahanka hobli, Bangalore North Taluk.

Sl No	Nature And Type Facility	Limit	ROI	O/s as on 17.02.2025
01	Housing Loan & 10110600000557	Rs. 10,48,000/-	9.75%	Rs. 5,20,359.24

Security agreement with brief description of securities: All that piece and parcel of residential flat bearing no 202 on the II floor of G H Mansion Apartment located on site bearing No.18 Kodigehalli Village Byatarayanapura CMC Yelahanka hobli Bangalore North Taluk. The site measuring East to West 50 feet North to south 30 feet in all measuring 1500 Square feet. Bounded on: East: Site No.14, West: Road, North: Site No.16 , South: Site No.19.

Name of the Title Holder: Mr Sunil Kumar Rana S/o Trilochana Rana

Amount Outstanding : Rs. 5,20,359.24 (Rupees Five Lakhs Twenty Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Nine Paise Twenty Four Only) with future interest thereon.

NPA Date : 05.12.2024 **Demand Notice Date : 17.02.2025**

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

Date : 27.02.2025 **Sd/- Chief Manager**
Place : Bangalore **Bank of Baroda**

बैंक ऑफ महाराष्ट्र Bank of Maharashtra

CITY MARKET BRANCH, BANGALORE
Paxal Tower, No.13, K R Road, Fort,
Bengaluru-560002 | **TELE:** 080 - 26706909
E-mail :brmgr304@mahabank.co.in
H O: Lokmangal, 1501, Shivajinagar, Pune-5

POSSESSION NOTICE
For Immovable property [Appendix IV under the Act-Rule-8(1)]

AW12/SARFAESI/Possession Notice/2024-25 **Date - 24/02/2025**

WHEREAS,

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Bank of Maharashtra under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sub-Section (12) of Section 13 read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 18.12.2024 calling upon the borrower, **M/s. Salfra Enterprises, Prop. Mrs. Afra Kausar,** to repay amount aggregating **Rs.1,90,65,661.00 (Rupees One Crore Ninety Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty One Only)** plus unapplied interest thereon as mentioned in the demand notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. The notice was sent through Regd. AD Post/Hand Delivery.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on this **24th day of February of the year 2025.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **Bank of Maharashtra, Bangalore City Market Branch** for an amount hereinabove mentioned.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The details of the properties mortgaged to the Bank and taken possession by the Bank are as follows :

All that piece and parcel of residential Flat bearing No.302, 3rd Floor, Unity Residency, Site No. B1-85, The Karnataka Housing Board in type "A" SFS at 2nd Main Road. SFS 208 Colony, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064 and is **bounded as under - On or towards North :** By Park. **On or towards South :** By Road. **On or towards East :** By House No.85. **On or towards West :** By House No.86.

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorized Officer
Bank of Maharashtra
City Market Branch

Date : 24/02/2025
Place : BENGALURU

Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd., (Arcil) CIN-U65999MH2002PLC134884 | Website: https://auction.arcil.co.in

Acting in its capacity as Trustee of various Arcil Trusts
Arcil office: The Ruby, 10th floor, 29, Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar (West) Mumbai-400 028
Branch Address: No. 2243, Vishishta Arcade, 4th Floor, 23rd Cross, Banashankari 2nd stage, Bangalore – 560070.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH ONLINE E-AUCTION IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (SARFAESI ACT) READ WITH RULES 6, 8 & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrower (s) / Guarantor (s) / Mortgagor (s), in particular, that the below described immovable property/ies mortgaged/charged to the Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited, acting in its capacity as Trustee of various Arcil Trusts (**"ARCIL"**) (pursuant to the assignment of financial asset vide registered Assignment Agreements), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "Without recourse basis" by way of online e-auction, for recovery of outstanding dues of together with further interest, charges and costs etc., as detailed below in terms of the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("Act") read with Rules 6, 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Rules").

Sr. No	Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower/s / Guarantor/s / Mortgager/s LAN No.	Trust Name & Selling Bank Name	Outstanding amount as per SARFAESI Notice	Possession type and date	Date of Inspection	Type of Property and Area	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Reserve Price	Date & Time of E-Auction/ website for Auction
1.	**Borrower: Mr. Sunil Kodenkiri & Co-Borrower Prabhavathi S Bhat LAN: 1) 404HSL65545146 & 2) 404HPV66218652**	Arcil-Retail Loan Portfolio-059-A-Trust, Bajaj Housing Finance Ltd.	Rs. 1,67,87,960.01/- (Indian Rupees One Crore Sixty Seven Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty and One Paise Only) as on 24.02.2025+ further Interest thereon + Legal Expenses	Symbolic Possession on 07.10.2021	12.03.2025	(Freehold) Flat: 1855 Sq. ft.	Rs. 10,00,000/- (Indian Rupees Ten Lakhs Only)	Rs. 1,00,00,000/- (Indian Rupees One crore Only)	On 17.03.2025 at 4.30 p.m. https://auction.arcil.co.in
	Description of the Secured Asset being auctioned: Property owned by: Mr. Sunil Kodenkiri. All that piece and parcel of Residential Flat bearing No. 701, measuring a super built up area of 1855 Sq. ft., Type 3, Situated in 7th Floor in "E" Block, consisting of Three bedrooms, together with R.C.C. Roofing, Vitrified flooring, one covered car parking spaces, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the Multistoried residential building known as "N.D. PASSION ELITE" constructed in the immovable property along with 575 Sq. ft. undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property, comprising in converted land bearing Sy. No.87/1 of Kudlu village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, measuring 1 Acres 16 Guntas, Immovable property comprising in converted land bearing Sy. No.87/2 of Kudlu village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, totally measuring 39 Guntas and Immovable property comprising in converted land bearing Sy. No.88/2 of Kudlu village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, totally measuring 18 Guntas.								
2.	**Borrower: Mr. Mohankumar S & Co-Borrower Sowmya R LAN: 20009130001343**	Arcil - 2024C - 004-Trust, Bandhan Bank	Rs. 27,53,361.84/- (Indian Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty One and Eighty Four Paise Only) as on 24.02.2025+ further Interest thereon + Legal Expenses	Physical Possession on 30.12.2022	10.03.2025	(Freehold) Independent House : 2176 Sq. ft.	Rs. 3,22,500/- (Indian Rupees Three Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred Only)	Rs. 32,25,000/- (Indian Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Only)	On 17.03.2025 at 5.00 p.m. https://auction.arcil.co.in
	Description of the Secured Asset being auctioned: Property owned by: Mr. Mohankumar S. All that piece and parcel of the immoveable property measuring 78.24 sq. mtrs. of Land and 123.90 sq. mtrs of R.C.C. building situated at No 271/A, PID No 152100701000401555, Kiranguru Village, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya District, Karnataka and same bounded as on the North by: Road, South by: Remaining portion of same Sy. No, East by: Property of Sahadeva and West by: Government Property.								
3.	**Borrower: Mr. Pragasam P & Co-Borrower Tamilarasi G LAN: 20009090002263**	Arcil - 2024C - 004-Trust, Bandhan Bank	Rs. 17,81,301.19/- (Indian Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Three Hundred One and Nineteen Paise Only) as on 24.02.2025+ further Interest thereon + Legal Expenses	Physical Possession on 18.12.2022	25.03.2025	(Freehold) Independent House: 600 Sq. ft.	Rs. 2,97,500/- (Indian Rupees Two Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Five Hundred Only)	Rs. 29,75,000/- (Indian Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Only)	On 02.04.2025 at 12.30 p.m. https://auction.arcil.co.in
	Description of the Secured Asset being auctioned: Property owned by: Property owned by: Mr. Pragasam P. and Smt. Tamilarasi. All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No. 8, Khata No. 3, New BBMP B Khata Sl. No. 1981, Property No. 3/8, situated at Naganathapura Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now under the limits of BBMP, measuring East to West 24 feet and North to South 25 feet totally measuring 600 Sq. Ft. and bounded on the East by Private Property, West by Road, North by Property belongs to Mahesh and South by Property belonging to Devaraj.								
4.	**Borrower: Mrs. Sharmila M P & Co-Borrower Manjunath H B LAN: 1) 20009130000704 & 2) 20009130001268**	Arcil - 2024C - 004-Trust, Bandhan Bank	Rs. 39,07,439.83/- (Indian Rupees Thirty Nine Lakhs Seven Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Nine and Eighty Three Paise Only) as on 24.02.2025+ further Interest thereon + Legal Expenses	Physical Possession on 19.09.2022	26.03.2025	(Freehold) Independent House: 1162 Sq. ft.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client by name **SRI. ANEYAPPA,** son of Late. Lingaiah and Duglamma, W/o Late Lingaiah R/at, Kittanahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk has lost Registered original Hakku patra issuance deed dated 15.12.2018 in respect of the schedule property which was Registrar, in the Office of the Sub- Registrar, Dasanapura in vide No. DSP-1-05501-2018-19, at Stored in CD.No. DSPD261 Book No.1 executed in her favor by Thasildar, Bangalore North Taluk. My client on in that regard has registered online complaint vide G.S.C No.149775/2025 dated 21.02.2025. If any one finds the same please return to my office/my client /to the nearest police station. If the same is misused then they will be prosecuted under the law

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the Part and parcel of the allotment S1.24 measuring to an extent of East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 30 feet totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft. situated at Kittanahalli Village, Dasanapura hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, formed in Sy.No.47 and bounded on: **East by:** Road; **West by:** Property of Duggalaiah, **North by:** Property of Duggalaiah and **South by:** House of Ananda

DILIPKUMAR. B.A, Advocate
Basavanahalli village, Kasaba Hobli,
Nelamangala Taluk, Ph No.9740574024
Date: 27-02-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that **M/S Sri Balaji Ventures** is willing to sell the schedule property in favour of my Client **Mrs. Sulekha K** free from all encumbrances. Any person having any right, title, interest, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever in respect of the said property, is hereby required to make the same known in writing along with the documentary proof thereof, to the below mentioned his Counsel Mr.RADESH.K, Office at Third Floor, Above Favara Car World, SMN Complex, Whitefield Main Road, Thubarahalli, Bangalore. within 7 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which the negotiations shall be completed, without any reference to such claims and the claims if any, shall be deemed to have been given up or waived.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Residential 2BHK Apartment bearing Flat No: 345 in Third Floor of Wing-1, Block-3, measuring 1300 Square Feet of super built-up area along with One covered car parking space in the Basement Floor and 444 Square Feet of Undivided share in the Project known as "SRI BALAJI ROSE WOODS", constructed on the Property bearing Survey No: 44/3 measuring 1 Acre 29.08 Guntas & Survey No: 46/1 measuring 3 Acres 3 Guntas, Situated at Kodigehalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk.

Contact : **Mr. RADESH BE,** LL.B, LL.M
Director- MKM Legal Solutions Pvt Ltd.
e-mail id: radesh@mkmlegalsolutions.com
Contact No: +91 9673532023

उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे

ई–निविदा आमन्त्रण सूचना

मंडल रेल प्रबन्धक, इंजीनियरिंग, उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे, जोधपुर द्वारा भारत के राष्ट्रपति के लिये एवं उनकी ओर से ई–निविदा के माध्यम से प्रचलित नियमो के अन्तर्गत निर्धारित प्रपत्रो में निविदा निम्न कार्यों के लिए क्रमानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती है– **ई–निविदा सूचना सं. 2024–25:** 152, **कार्य का नाम व स्थान:** Earthwork cess repair work in the section of ADEN/MTD, **अनुमानित लागत रुपये:** ₹1,68,64,194.00, **बयाने की राशि रूपये:** ₹2,34,300.00, **ई–निविदा सूचना सं. 2024–25:** 153, **कार्य का नाम व स्थान:** Earthwork cess repair work in the km 333/600 to KM 414 in RTGH-DNA and Phulera-Sambhar section of ADEN/DNA, **अनुमानित लागत रुपये:** ₹1,48,94,264.00, **बयाने की राशि रूपये:** ₹2,24,500.00, निविदा सूचना संख्या 152 to 153 of 2024–25 निविदा प्रस्तुत करने की तिथि 19.03.2025 को 15:00 बजे तक है। वेबसाईट का विवरण जहाँ पर ई–निविदा देखी व भरी जा सकती है www.ireps.gov.in

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IN THE COURT OF THE 2nd ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, (CCH-17) AT BANGALORE

LAC NO.308 OF 2019

Between;
Sri. Maraiah ...Claimant
And;
The SLAO, KHB, Bangalore
...Respondents

NOTICE/SUMMONS TO THE CLAIMANT No.1,

1. **Sri. Maraiah**
S/o Late Mulluraiah,
Residing at Bylalu Village, Taverekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District-562130.

Whereas the above respondent has made a reference before this court under section 77(1) of RFCTLA Act, 2013 in the land acquisition case No.KHB/LAQ/5/2010-11 in respect of Survey No. 47/45, measuring 0-22 Gunta of Bylalu Viilage, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru District vide declaration No.RD:204: Bhu, Swa, Be 2012 dated 27-11-2012. The awarded amount has been deposited before this court for apportionment.

That the above case is posted on **4/6/25 at 11.00 A.M.** The claimant No.1, you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or through an advocate duly instructed by you, failing which the above case will be determined in your absence by placing exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on this **12th day of February 2025.**

By the order of this court
Senior Sherastedar,
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Respondent
Ravindra H.T., Advocate,
No.105, AKV Chambers, Ebrahim Saheb Street, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560001.
Ph: 98861 41141.
DIPR/CP/RO5140(A)/AAPL/2024-25

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I AT BANGALORE

BSNL Building,Telephone House , 4th Floor, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore -560 001

O.A. No.1403/2023

Between: Canara Bank (Syndicate Bank), Amarjyothinagar Branch, Bengaluru- 560 040. ...Applicant
And
M/s Nisha Apparels ....Defendant

SUMMONS / NOTICE ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against the Defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.25,49,926/-** (Rupees Twenty-five Lakhs Forty-nine Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-six Only), together with current and future interest and other relief/s.

Take notice that you are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this Summons or on **25/03/2025** at 10:30 AM in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted. Take notice of interim relief sought. Take notice that in case of default, the application/ interlocutory application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **10th** day of **February 2025.**

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-1 , Bangalore

To: **1) M/s. NISHA APPARELS,** No. 22/ 2, Vigneshwara Nagar, Sunkadakatte, Vishwaneedam Post, Magadi Road, Bengaluru – 560 091.
2)Smt. MARIYA M., W/o Sri Rajashekar, Aged about 40 years, R/o No.21, 2nd Main, 7th Cross, Panchasheela Nagar, Moodalapalya, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru-560 072

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, (CCH-17) AT BANGALORE

LAC NO.303 OF 2019

Between;
Smt. Chikkamma and others ...Claimants
And;
The SLAO, KHB, Bangalore
...Respondents

NOTICE/SUMMONS TO THE CLAIMANAT No.4, 5, 7, 8, 19, 25

4. **Sri. Malliah**
S/o Late Suggaiah,
Residing at Bylalu Village, Taverekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District-562130.
5. **Smt. Jayamma**
D/o Late Suggaiah, Residing at Bylalu Village, Taverekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District-562130.
7. **Sri.Muniraju**
S/o Late Rangaswamy,
Residing at Pantharapalya Village, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District-560039.
8. **Sri. Narasimhamurthy**
S/o Late Rangaswamy,
Residing at Pantharapalya Village, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District-560039.
19. **Smt. Siddamma**
W/o Late Venkateshappa,
Residing at Bangarappa Nagara, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District-560098.
25. **Smt. Lakshmamma**
D/o Late Muddarangaiah, W/o Late Sampangaiah,
Residing at Bylalu Village, Taverekere Hobil, Chunchanakuppe Post, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District-562130

Whereas the above respondent has made a reference before this court under section 77(1) of RFCTLA Act, 2013 in the land acquisition case No.KHB/LAQ/5/2010-11 in respect of Survey No.57/2, measuring 4-16 Acres of Byalalu Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru District vide declaration No.RD: 204: Bhu, Swa, Be 2012 dated 27-11-2012. The awarded amount has been deposited before this court for apportionment.

That the above case is posted on **9/4/2025 at 11.00 A.M.** The claimant No.4, 5, 7, 8, 19, 25 you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or through an advocate duly instructed by you, failing which the above case will be determined in your absence by placing exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on this **12th day of February 2025.**

By the order of this court
Senior Sherastedar,
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Respondent
Ravindra H.T., Advocate,
No.105, AKV Chambers, Ebrahim Saheb Street, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560001.
Ph: 98861 41141.
DIPR/CP/RO5140(B)/AAPL/2024-25

IN THE COURT OF THE 2nd ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, (CCH-17) AT BANGALORE

LAC NO.76 OF 2020

Between;
Sri. Maraiah ...Claimant
And;
The SLAO, KHB, Bangalore
...Respondents

NOTICE/SUMMONS TO THE CLAIMANT No.1,

1. **Sri. Maraiah**
S/o Late Mulluraiah,
Residing at Bylalu Village, Taverekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District-562130.

Whereas the above respondent has made a reference before this court under section 77(1) of RFCTLA Act, 2013 in the land acquisition case No.KHB/LAQ/5/2010-11 in respect of Survey No. 47/24, measuring 0-08 Gunta of Bylalu Viilage, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru District vide declaration No.RD: 204:Bhu, Swa, Be 2012 dated 27-11-2012. The awarded amount has been deposited before this court for apportionment.

That the above case is posted on **5/6/2025 at 11.00 A.M.** The claimant No.1 you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or through an advocate duly instructed by you, failing which the above case will be determined in your absence by placing exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on this **12th February 2025.**

By the order of this court
Senior Sherastedar,
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Respondent
Ravindra H.T., Advocate,
No.105, AKV Chambers, Ebrahim Saheb Street, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560001.
Ph: 98861 41141.
DIPR/CP/RO5140/AAPL/2024-25

IN THE COURT OF THE XXII ADDL HON'BLE CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE, AT BANGALORE

O.S No. 4645/2023

BETWEEN
BANK OF BARODA
(Erst While Vijaya Bank) MSRIT Branch, Gokul, Mathikere, Bangalore-500054.
Represented by its Chief Manager,
Mr. Omkar P Bilki S/o P C Bilki
Aged about 53 Years. ...Plaintiff
AND
Ms. Shilpa D R
...Defendants

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT NO.2 UNDER ORDER V RULE 20(1) OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 1908

D2. Ms. Kavitha D
No.4, Manju Nilaya, 2nd Floor, 1st E Cross, Pipeline Road, Mathikere, Bengaluru - 560054.

Whereas, the Plaintiff instituted a suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 3,49,757.00/-** (Rupees Three Lakh Forty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Seven Only) as on **04.03.2023** along With current and further interest @ **12.75% p.a.,**

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble court on **23.04.2025 at 11.00 A.M** in person or through the Advocate/pleader to answer the question to the same failing which the suit will be heard and determined as Ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, this **4th day of February, 2024.**

By Order of the Court
Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court
Bangalore

Advocate Address:
Padmashree M
Advocate for Plaintiff
No.29, 3rd Cross, Vinayaka Layout, Bhoopasandra, Bangalore-560 094.

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PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY

HARBOUR WORKS DIVISION No.I.
e-TENDER CALL NOTICE
e-TCN No.CE/HWDI/ACCTS-14/24/71, dtd.24.02.2025

Name of the work: "Cleaning of debrises from Roads, berms, backup space & disposal of dredged materials from Port area i.e from Gate No.4 area to MPB junction, MPB Junction to NQ-I via CQ, SQ and EQ area, connecting Road from T-Junction to New IOB in IOHP area and 3-B road (4 lane) leading from IOHP to Wagon Tippler (one year)". Put to tender value: Rs.1,20,11,010.00 plus GST as applicable. Last date & time of submission of tender through online bidding is 18.03.2025 up to 17:15 Hrs. For details, please log on to the Website: https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Horbour Works Division NO.I, Paradip Port Authority

PPA/PR/66/2024-2025 dtd.27.02.2025

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ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ – (ದ್ವಿಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿ)

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಮಿಮ್ಸ್/ಸರಬ(1)/Plastic Surgery/items/ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್/16/2024-25, ದಿ: 20.02.2025

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಮಿಮ್ಸ್/ಸರಬ(1)/Surgery/Equipment/ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್/17/2024-25, ದಿ: 20.02.2025

ಮಂಡ್ಯ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಗಳ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಬೋಧಕ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಯ ಶಸ್ತಚಿಕಿತ್ಸಾ ವಿಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಪ್ಲಾಸ್ಟಿಕ್ ಸರ್ಜರಿ ಘಟಕಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಶ್ಯವಿರುವ ವಿವಿಧ Medical Instruments & etc items ಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಪಡೆಯಲು ಉತ್ಪಾದಕರವರಿಂದ/ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಮಾರಾಟಗಾರರಿಂದ ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭದ ದಿನಾಂಕ, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತಿತರೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸಬಹುದು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಒಟ್ಟು ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.77.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು.

ಸಹಿ/–ಮುಖ್ಯ ಆಡಳಿತಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು,
ಮಂಡ್ಯ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಗಳ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ

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e-bids are invited from the eligible bidders for the following work as per the procedure of CMWSSB under two cover system conforming to the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and Rules 2000.

Sl. No.	Name of work and Tender No.	Bid Security	Prebid meeting Date	e-Bid Submission closing Date	e-Bid Opening Date
1	Refurbishment to Civil, Mechanical, Electrical & Instrumentation works pertaining to 45 MLD TTRO Plant at Kodungaiyur to improve the quality and quantity of product water being supplied to the industries in Manali&Minjur Area with one year of Operation and Maintenance of 45 MLD TTRO Plant at Kodungaiyur CNT/SEW/NCB/MWB/3656/2024-25	Rs.7.70 lakhs	14.03.2025 at 11.30 a.m.	08.04.2025 upto 3.00 p.m.	09.04.2025 after 3.30 p.m.
2.	EMD by online transfer only through tender Portal. The tenderer shall submit scanned copy of online transaction statement towards EMD as part of Tender document.				
3.	Availability of tender documents and e-bid submission is permitted through tender portal / website:www.tntenders.gov.in For all other details refer tender schedule in the website from 06.03.2025.				

DIPR/807/TENDER/2025 **Superintending Engineer (Contracts & Monitoring)**

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED

E - NOTICE INVITING BID No. 17 and 18 (2024-25)

On line bids for E-NIB NO.17 (2024-25) are here from interested bidders for S.No. 01 to 03 in office of the Executive Engineer (Civil) R.R.V.P.N. Hanumangarh and S.No. 04 to 06 in office of the Executive Engineer (Civil) R.R.V.P.N. Bikaner and bids for NIB NO.18 (2024-25) for S.No. 01 to 05 in office of the Executive Engineer (Civil) R.R.V.P.N. Hanumangarh, S. No. 06 to 08 in office of the Executive Engineer (Civil) R.R.V.P.N., Bhadla and S.No. 09 in office of the Executive Engineer (Civil) R.R.V.P.N., Ratangarh. The details of NIB i.e. estimated cost, tender fee, earnest money date of tender download and submitting etc. given in procurement portal **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.nic.in. & www.rvpn.co.in. VPN2425WSOBO03112, 11, 24, 31, 32, 33, VPN2425WSOBO03105, 06, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 10, 04**

Raj.Samwad/C/24/12331 RRVPN/TR-6651/2025 **Superintending Engineer (Civil), Bikaner**

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ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅವಧಿ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ವಿಷಯ: ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅವಧಿ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ.
ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ : ಈ ಕಚೇರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಕಾಅ/ಲೋಇ/ದಾವಿ/ಐ.ಎಫ್.ಟಿ–30/ಜೆಇ/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19.02.2025.

ಈ ಕಚೇರಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಐಎಫ್‌ಟಿ–30/2024–25 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 19.02.2025ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ. 3ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳನ್ನು ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಮುಂದೂಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

(1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 28.02.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ (2) ಪ್ರಿಬಿಡ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್ ಸ್ಥಳ : ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಲೋಇ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಪಿ.ಬಿ ರಸ್ತೆ, 27.02.2025 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ (3) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 07.03.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ (4) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 10.03.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ (5) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 13.03.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ

ಉಳಿದಂತೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಸದರಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ (ದೂರವಾಣಿ : 08192 234951, 231530) ಅಥವಾ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ವಾಸಾಇ/ಡಿವಿಜಿ/791/ ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2024–25 ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

KSPH & IDCL invites online tender as per KTPP 2000 Act & as per Standard Tender Document through KPPP https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in for the following works.

1. **Construction of 2-Bay Fire Station at Kadakola Industrial Area in Mysuru District** (Two Tender Document System). APT Amt. 216.15 Lakhs. (Excl. GST).
2. **Construction of 2-Bay Fire Station at Yelanduru in Chamarajanagar District** (Two Tender Document System). APT Amt. 216.47 Lakhs.(Excl. GST).
3. **Construction of 2-Bay Fire Station at Manipal in Udupi District.** (Two Tender Document System). APT Amt. 218.58 Lakhs. (Excl. GST).
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Interested eligible Contractors may participate in the tendering process. The details such as Tender fee, EMD, Tender documents etc., are available on KPPP from **03.03.2025** onwards.

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ICICI Bank Branch Office : ICICI Bank Ltd Office Number 201-B, 2nd Floor, Road No 1 Plot No-B3, WIFI IT Park, Wagle Industrial Estate, Thane (West)- 400604

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA). A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Khushbu Jakirkhan Pathan/ Shagufta Zakir Pathan/ Saurabh Sanjeev Kumar Kasliwal/ (LBMMD00006075515) Room No. 959, Sardar Patel Road, Infront of Gujarati Medical, Manmad, Maharashtra, Nashik- 423104	Flat No. F2-701, 7th Floor, Building F, Wing F2, Samraat Apna Ghar Phase II, Survey No. 50/ 2 and 48/ 2/A, City Survey No. 238/ 1, Gangapur, Taluka Nashik, Maharashtra, Nashik- 422005	January 13, 2025 Rs. 22,77,197.82/-	05/11/ 2024

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: February 28, 2025 Place:- Bangalore Sincerely, Authorised Signatory For ICICI Bank Ltd.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, # 11/90, 3rd Floor, Opp. Trust Well Hospital, J.C.Road, Bengaluru-560002. Ph No: 080 25943663, Fax: 080 25943664, E-mail : sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE TO THE BORROWERS

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'ACT ')

A notice is hereby given that the following Borrowers : **1) Smt. Manjula** W/o Sri. Shankar, **2) Sri. Shankar** S/o Kempaiah have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loan facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loan account have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, but they have been returned unserved and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Name and Address of the Borrowers : 1) Smt. Manjula W/o. Sri. Shankar, Nataraja Badavane, Magadi Town, Ramanagara District - 571511. **2) Sri. Shankar** S/o. Kempaiah, Nataraja Badavane, Magadi Town, Ramanagara District - 571511.

A/c No. HL 64088276539

Demand Notice: 10.02.2025 **NPA Date : 29.03.2020**

Amount outstanding (As on the date of notice) : Rs.35,16,633/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Three Only) as on 09.02.2025. You are also liable to pay further interest at the contractual rate from 10.02.2025 on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc.

Description of Property : All that piece and parcel of property bearing Assessment No. 77/334/22/1 4/5A, situated at Nataraja Badavane, Ward No.1 of Magadi Town Municipality, Ramanagara District, measuring East to West : 30 feet and North to South : 40 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft, standing in the name of Smt.Manjula W/o Sri.Shankar and **bounded on : East by :** Road, **West by :** Property of Smt. Manjula W/o Kemparaju, **North by :** Property of Lathanandeeshappa, **South by :** Property of Jagadeesh.

Sale Deed dated 07.04.2010 has been registered in favour of Smt. Manjula W/o. Sri. Shankar in Book No.1 under Document No. MGD-1-00046-2010-11 stored in CD No. MGDD69 at the office of Sub Registrar, Magadi, Ramanagara on 07.04.2010.

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrowers/Mortgagor are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002.

The borrowers/Mortgagor attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 10.02.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer & Chief Manager,**
Place : Bengaluru **State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru.**

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Home Loan Centre
Bangalore Central, L C Road, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru-560001,
Mobile No. 9611093484 Email: sbi.63988@sbi.co.in, cmmaint.racpcsmr@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

A/c No. : 67006512267

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notice dated **15.02.2024** calling upon the borrowers **Sri. Vinod Vijendran** S/o. Vijendran. **M. L** and **Smt. Savitha Vijendran,** D/o.Vijendran M L,to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.8,30,133/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Thirty Thousand One Hundred and Thirty Three only) as on 14.02.2024**and you are also liable to pay future interest from 15.02.2024 and expenses thereonwithin 60 days from the date of receipt of thesaid notice.

The borrowershaving failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on **25.02.2025.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.8,95,870/-** (Rupees Eight Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy only) as on 23.02.2025 and you are also liable to pay future interest fromand expenses thereon.

The borrowers/ mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Absolute Sale Deed Regd. Doc. No.KRI-1-12013-2005-06, CD No. KRID168 dated: 07.01.2006 at SRO: K.R. Puram, Bengaluru.

All that piece and parcel of the residential site bearing No.10, katha No.711/10 (in old Sy.No.28/2) coming under the limit of GramatanaBidarahalli, situated at Maragondanahalli, Bangalore East Taluk, confirmed vide endorsement bearing No.168/2004-05 dated 07/03/2005 issued by the secretary, Bidarahalli Grama Panchayath, Bangalore East Taluk duly signed by the Special Tahsildar, Bangalore East Taluk, duly signed by the Special Tahsildar, Bangalore East Taluk, K.R.Puram Hobli, along with rough sketch by the Village Accountant measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 50 feet in all measuring 1500 Square feet and bounded on East by: Site No.11, West by: Site No.09, North by: Road and South by: Private Property, standing in the name of Sri. Vinod Vijendran S/o. Vijendran M.L.

Place:Bengaluru Sd/-Authorised Officer,
Date: 25.02.2025 State Bank of India,
Home Loan Centre, L C. Road, Bengaluru

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POSSESSION NOTICE **(For Immovable Property)**

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of **KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED,** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued the Demand Notices, details of which are mentioned hereunder, calling upon the Borrower (s)/Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s)/Co-obligant(s) mentioned therein to repay the total amount mentioned in the demand notice along with future interest plus costs within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices.

**1. Name of Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s)

EDITORIAL

"Most destructive forces have been directed for the purpose of obscuring the embryos of unification. Each peacemaker is disparaged" — Nicholas Roerich

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— Ramnath Goenka

CAG REPORT ADDS TO AAP'S TROUBLES ON BOTCHED LIQUOR POLICY

A performance audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the botched new excise policy in Delhi showed why the erstwhile Arvind Kejriwal government sought to behave like an ostrich and bury its head in the sand of time. Tabled in the Delhi assembly on February 25, the report revealed how the Kejriwal administration systematically flouted its own policy formulations to benefit a chosen few. The national auditor calculated a cumulative loss of ₹2,002.68 crore to the exchequer within 10 months from November 2021, when the new excise policy was in play. This newspaper was the first to report the Delhi excise policy scam.

The auditors observed that in flagrant violation of a Delhi cabinet decision on going back to the council of ministers for approval if and when a cabinet fiat had to be amended, certain decisions that had revenue implications were taken without the cabinet's nod and/or obtaining the opinion of the lieutenant governor. They included relaxation on coercive action against a licensee who defaults on licence fee payment, waiver/reduction in the fee, and correction in the formula for calculating the maximum retail price on foreign liquor. Besides, the amended excise rules ought to have been laid before the assembly for approval, as per the Delhi Excise Act 2009; but they were not. Nor did the AAP government file its response to any of the audit observations. The report revealed that the wholesaler margin was raised from 5 percent to 12 percent, claiming it was necessary to compensate them for setting up quality checking systems at warehouses. However, no such labs were set up. AAP's skewed policy forced manufacturers to tie up with a few wholesalers. For example, just three wholesalers—Indospirit, Mahadev Liquors and Brindco—controlled over 71 percent of supply. These three had exclusive supply rights for 192 brands, which gave them the power to decide which brands would succeed. As a result, consumers had fewer choices, and the government lost potential revenue as competition was stifled.

All this is not just bad optics for Kejriwal's party that lost its main calling card of probity much before it completed 10 years in public life. The CAG report's empirical data on the dirty money stain adds to the body of evidence compiled by central law enforcement agencies to prosecute the AAP leadership. Bluster notwithstanding, Kejriwal cannot afford to dismiss the report lightly.

PUNISH THOSE LIABLE FOR TUNNEL COLLAPSE

It has been six days since the under-construction Srisailam Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel collapsed and yet, there is no word on the fate of the eight unfortunate workers trapped inside. It is not easy for rescue teams to get through, since the men were stranded at the far end behind a heap of mud and rising water. At this moment, despite the brave efforts of the rescue team that includes personnel from the national and state disaster response forces, the army and the navy, one can only pray for a miracle.

This is no time for a blame game, though unfortunately, it has already begun. The SLBC, touted as the world's longest irrigation tunnel when the contracts were awarded in 2005, is for providing farming and drinking water to the Nalgonda region. Over the last two decades, the project has run into financial and operational difficulties. The very idea of boring a tunnel under a 400-metre-high surface next to the Krishna in the Rajiv Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary is fraught with risks. The estimated cost has understandably shot up to ₹4,000 crore from the initial ₹2,800 crore. Once the tunnel is cleared of debris, the government will have to answer many questions. First, was a geological survey conducted before starting the works? If so, how was a green signal given? It is there for all to see how brittle the surface is and how much water is seeping through every hour—around 5,000 litres. Projects of this magnitude need thorough vetting, especially because there have been quite a few incidents pertaining to irrigation projects in Telangana, including the collapse of a roof in the Kaleshwaram project in 2017 in which seven workers lost lives and the fire at the Srisailam Left Bank Hydel Power Station in 2020 in which nine perished.

Such incidents show that a systemic problem has crept in and can no longer be ignored. Due diligence seems to have gone for a toss. The state government must order an inquiry to know the cause of the SLBC tragedy and hold the involved contracting agencies and other officials accountable. It should also take a hard look at all such projects and ensure accidents do not recur.

QUICK TAKE

DO AS JAPAN DID

THE prime minister has drawn the nation's attention to the obesity epidemic not a moment too soon. The National Family Health Survey of 2019-21 showed that over 20 percent Indian men and women were obese. It increases the country's public health challenge by exacerbating conditions such as type-2 diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and musculoskeletal disorders. The data also shows that obesity in the five southern states is higher than the national average, with more than 30 percent of men aged 15-49 in each of them marked overweight. They should learn from Japan, which put nutrition in the belly of its school syllabus decades ago and today has one of the leanest workforces among the rich nations.

Though Trump and Putin are ready to discuss peace, Zelenskyy and European leaders have a stake in extending the war. Moscow seems open to BRICS playing a role in deciding Europe's future

THE CONTESTED SCRAMBLE FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

M K BHADRAKUMAR

Former diplomat

MANDAR PARDIKAR

THE great paradox of the conflict in Ukraine is that while a defeat is shaping up for Kyiv, the war itself is reaching an apparent stasis—so much so that a conclusive end to it can only be in a manner and with a timeline that Moscow decides.

The Trump administration is steadily decoupling, but the remnants of the 'collective West' in Europe is still bent upon continuing to inflict as much serious damage to the Russian forces on the battlefield as possible, apprehensive of a perceived Russian resurgence on the geopolitical plane regionally and internationally in the downstream.

From the Russian perspective, Donald Trump's presidency remains an enigma, susceptible to mood swings. But Trump's abhorrence of war and his enthusiasm to restore the political and diplomatic intercourse with Moscow is beyond doubt. He has ruled out Ukraine's NATO membership. And Moscow is reciprocating Trump's keenness to add a new template to his America First agenda in the nature of a hugely beneficial US-Russian economic relationship.

Some deft diplomacy is in play, as Moscow also must keep an eye on its strategic partnership with Beijing. We are indeed witnessing a remarkably dynamic period not only for Ukraine, but for European security more generally and fundamental elements of the international security architecture.

The most intractable issue—the root cause of the war—is that Ukraine is embedded in the larger question of European security. Therefore, Moscow is upfronting a dialogue with the US across a range of issues—West Asia, energy security, the Arctic, strategic stability and so forth, to create a critical mass of mutual trust. To that end, an expeditious restoration of normal diplomatic relationship with the US becomes a pre-requisite.

At the level of none other than President Vladimir Putin himself, assurances have been held out to Washington. Putin said on Monday, "Russia is one of the uncontested leaders when it comes to rare and rare-earth metal reserves. We have deposits in the north in Murmansk, and in the Caucasus in Kabardino-Balkaria, as well as in the Far East in the Irkutsk region, in Yakutia and Tuva. Developing these resources requires substantial capital investment. We would be happy to cooperate with any foreign partners, including American companies.

"Our historical territories that have become part of the Russian Federation (Donbas and Novorossiya) also hold certain reserves. We are ready to work there with international partners, including Americans." Putin disclosed that already, "some of our respective companies are in contact (with American counterparts) and are discussing such projects".

On the whole, the Kremlin feels encouraged that "[Trump's] actions are not driven by emotions, but rather by cold calculation and a rational assessment of the situation". Putin is full of praise for Trump's "freedom of action. He is not bound by past commitments that would prevent him from moving forward and working towards a resolution of this conflict. His direct and unrestrained approach reflects his character. He is in a unique position: not only does he say what he thinks, but he says whatever he wants. And that, after all, is the privilege of a leader of a major global power".

However, the Gordian knot is yet to be cut—replacement of the neo-Nazi regime in Kyiv by an elected leadership committed to friendly relations with Moscow. This is where Trump's forthcoming meeting with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy becomes crucial. Zelenskyy is a stakeholder in an extended war. Peace means lifting of martial law in Ukraine and holding overdue elections under international supervision, where his chance of re-election is zero.

Then there are other sticking points of territory and Ukraine's geopolitical orientation. From the Russian standpoint, a ceasefire along the line of contact at this point is not satisfactory, as that will leave with the Ukrainian government parts of Kherson, Zaporizhzhia and Donetsk. Where that line is drawn is going to be important to Russia. The toughest of all issues is what happens to that part of Ukraine not occupied by Russia whenever a settlement is reached. Russia seeks a neutral Ukraine whose geopolitical orientation remains benign and predictable.

Obviously, there is much rancour among Europeans—not only in Paris, Berlin or Brussels—that they were led up the garden path by the US right into the abyss of a proxy war three years ago. They are now left to fend for themselves, grappling with a successor in the White House who can barely hide his contempt towards them as "freeloaders" who made a "sucker" out of Washington.

The exasperation in the European mind is on display as the war is also affecting domestic politics — although, their own weak "liberal-globalist" leaderships have a lot of explaining to do about their irrational fixation with inflicting a strategic defeat on Russia, a long-lost European dream since Napoleon, and punching above their league. Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen's shocking remark underscores it: "I understand that many people think a peaceful solution or a ceasefire sounds like a good idea, but we run the risk that peace in Ukraine [could be] actually more dangerous than the war that is going on now."

Moscow expects Trump to nip in the bud the incipient thoughts in transatlantic circles regarding a European troop deployment in Ukraine. The UK leads the light brigade. But Trump's green signal is needed. The outcome of Keir Starmer's talks with Trump on Thursday would be crucial. Any continued Western military presence on Ukraine's soil remains an absolute red line for Moscow. Starmer is holding a European summit in London on the weekend. The press release from 10 Downing Street merely said Starmer will "reiterate shared US-UK commitment to reaching a durable and lasting peace in Ukraine, and the need for Europe to step up to the challenge".

Meanwhile, Europeans are also angling for a seat at the peace table. But then, Chinese President Xi Jinping informed Putin during a telephone conversation on Monday that the Friends of Peace group of BRICS countries plans to meet again in New York soon to discuss its participation in the peace talks. Unsurprisingly, Putin is open to the tantalising idea of BRICS choreographing Europe's destiny.

(Views are personal)

THE NEED TO GET AROUND OSTRACISM IN GOD'S NAME

K K GOPALAKRISHNAN

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THE fantastic success of the Kannada film *Kantara*, which literally means forest and is based on the *bhoota* of southern Karnataka, has brought greater global attention to Theyyams for its similarity. The fantastic facial paintings, gaudy costumes and enriched theatrical elements bring larger crowds to the folk art form.

A typical Theyyam performance is known as Kaliyaattam. The 2017 Malayalam superhit film of this name—an adaptation of Shakespeare's *Othello* in the form of Theyyam—earned a national award for actor Suresh Gopi, the current Union minister of state for tourism.

It's a ritual folk form of northern Kerala that's predominantly performed at venues known as *kaavu*, a sacred groove that sustains flora and fauna. Most *kaavus* have disappeared, having been replaced by constructions. Theyyam can be performed anywhere by making a temporary sacred space called *pathi*.

Despite efforts by the government and private agencies, the form is today inadequately disseminated across the country because of vested interests that restrict performances outside in the name of patronising the art. It doesn't help that many Theyyam artists are not educated beyond basic schooling.

There is much to appreciate about the artform. The attributed divinity of Theyyam is supposed to be sustained for a maximum of *moonne mukkal naazhika* or 90 minutes. The rest is for entertainment and *panam vechu thozhal*, or blessing the people who may pay cash as a token of devotion. This sum is the artists' *kolu* that helps sustain them during the off-season stretching from May to October.

Narayanan Peruvannan, a recipient of the Padma Shri last year and an acclaimed exponent, went to Ajman in the UAE in November 2024 with seven others and performed Theyyam in its traditional way, after making the *pathi* and with customary rituals. But shortly after, a few caste-based groups banned them from performing at traditional venues back home, declining their right to work and warning others to refrain from associating with them.

Peruvannan said, "Some of the people connected to the venues, where I have the traditional right to perform, expressed their helplessness for the fear of being snubbed too." Those who bar them from performing never call it a ban for fear of being sued, but say they have said "not interested in inviting such people, and prefer a substitute". Yet, they look the other way when Theyyams are presented during political roadshows or associated with films.

Years ago, Lakshmanan Peruvannan, a fine actor representing the deity Muchilot Bhagavathi, was banned from performing in Bengaluru. After a while, Pramod Kotamaram, known as Karivellur Valiyachchan in Theyyam parlance, told this writer, "We have not banned anyone, but decided not to invite [some of them] any longer."

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> Theyyam has not had proper exposure due to an entrenched orthodoxy limiting performances outside strictly marked areas. In contrast, Koodiyattam blossomed when brought out of temples. The unofficial ban on 8 Theyyam artists who performed abroad must be countered in this light

It's high time we recognised the talent and artistry of Theyyam artists at a broader level. Due to the existing restrictions, they have been bestowed with very few national honours. The last time a Theyyam exponent got the Sangeet Natak Akademi award was in 2009, when U K Kunjirama Panickar was selected.

The more ancient Koodiyattam, the pan-Indian Sanskrit theatre tradition sustained only in Kerala temples as a ritual performance, has gone worldwide, earning in 2001 India's first Unesco recognition as a 'masterpiece of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity', thanks to the foresightful endeavours of the maverick Painkulam Rama Chakyar. He brought the artform out of the temple precincts in 1949 and 1956, initiated teaching non-Chakyars in 1965, and took it to global stages in Poland and France in 1980, ignoring protests and threats of ostracisation from the orthodoxy. This resulted in the art's global recognition. But Theyyam exponents are yet to learn from this.

Performed by people of subaltern backgrounds, with the upper classes having a supervisory right known as *koyma*, the so-called patrons wanted to keep their supremacy over the artist fraternity with the help of the elders. Seniority in the family still takes precedence for Theyyam clans during a performance. It doesn't help that there are internecine disputes about who will execute their traditional rights.

There are other ways to overcome orthodoxy. Historian Manu S Pillai notes that when royals believed that travelling overseas would lead to social outcasting, some of them carried their gods' idols with them, as such barriers did not apply to deities. Today, temples are being consecrated around the world and priests often fly abroad to conduct rituals.

Theyyams have been performed earlier in France and the UK, and on the precincts of Sangeet Natak Akademi in Delhi. Decades ago, the legendary Kodakkadan Kannan Peruvannan performed abroad. In 1964, Theyyam was presented before Rajendra Prasad and Jawaharlal Nehru. In 1969, Chirakkal T Balakrishnan Nair, a well-regarded expert on northern Kerala's art and culture, led a troupe to present Chandu Peruvannan's Muchilot Bhagavathi at the Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi.

Given the history and possibilities of this gorgeous cultural heritage, we need to innovate to take it to the rest of the world more often. The ostracism faced by Theyyam artists today is nothing short of a violation of their fundamental rights. If we need to challenge the inward-looking orthodoxy to promote the artform, then that's what we need to do.

(Views are personal)

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Pharma leader

Ref: *Strict quality control needed for medicines sold at home & abroad* (Feb 27). While drug quality control is important, the article overstates the risks associated with Indian pharmacies. India's pharmaceutical industry is a global leader in affordable, life-saving medicines, and occasional misses should not overshadow its immense contribution to healthcare worldwide.
Krithika K, Bengaluru

Unfair appointments

Ref: *Govt must appoint staff in state-aided schools* (Feb 27). It is time to put an end to the quite unfair practice of giving appointing authority to the manager of aided schools/colleges. This ridiculous system has to be done away with as the editorial rightly said.
Krishnaprasad S, Elappully

Manufacturing innovations

Ref: *The way to counter reciprocal tariffs* (Feb 27). Apart from initiating free trade agreements with unexplored markets, the government must create an expert panel to seriously contemplate introducing innovation in different sectors of our manufacturing arena to boost optimum achievement.
A M Chakravarty, Hyderabad

Convicted politicians

Ref: *Govt draws turf line on banning convicted MPs* (Feb 27). One really wonders why the NDA government is not for lifetime bans on convicted politicians. Probably, it thinks it is very difficult to execute the policy in India. As a citizen of India, I strongly feel convicted politicians should not be people's representatives.
S Ramakrishnasayee, Chennai

Earphone dangers

Ref: *Caution against earphone & headphone use* (Feb 27). The Union health ministry has warned of hearing loss associated with excessive use of earphones and headphones, asking states and medical colleges to create awareness against its prolonged usages. This action of the government is welcome. But every parent and guardian should make the children aware of this problem.
Biswabhusan Rath, Nachuni

Inspiring Afghanistan

Ref: *Afghanistan pull off thrilling win vs England* (Feb 27). Afghanistan's stunning victory over England is a testament to the team's growing strength. Knocking out a former world champion is no small feat, and this win reflects the hard work of Afghan players. Beyond the sport, it also serves as an inspiration for a nation that has faced immense challenges.
Shaivya Budhiraja, Bengaluru

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Anurag Thakur @ianuragthakur

Due to frequent elections, not only does development get affected but institutions and administration remain engaged, delaying important decisions

Mallikarjun Kharge @kharge

Modiji, only the top 10% in India drive consumption while 90% cannot afford basic needs. Wealth concentration is widening... your policies have failed

Rajeev Chandrasekhar @RajeevRC_X

Warriors died due to callous shameless apathy of Defence Ministry during Cong/UPA even as they bought 'VIP' helicopters to transport the Dynasty.

Ekta Ka Mahakumbh – Dawn of a new era for Viksit Bharat

'Gods and Goddesses, saints, women, children, youth, elderly – people from all walks of life came together. We witnessed the nation's awakened consciousness'

NARENDRA MODI
PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

THE Mahakumbh has successfully concluded in Prayagraj. A grand Mahayajna of Unity has been completed. When the consciousness of a nation awakens, when it breaks free from the shackles of a centuries-old mindset of subjugation, it breathes freely in the fresh air of renewed energy. This result has been witnessed at the Ekta Ka Mahakumbh (Mahakumbh of Unity) since January 13.

On January 22, 2024, during the Pran Pratishtha of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, I spoke about Devbhakti and Deshbhakti–devotion to the divine and the nation. During the Mahakumbh, Gods and Goddesses, saints, women, children, youth, senior citizens and people from all walks of life came together. We witnessed the nation's awakened consciousness. This was Ekta Ka Mahakumbh, where the sentiments of 140 crore Indians converged at the same place and time for this sacred occasion.

In this holy region of Prayagraj is Shringverpur, a sacred land of unity, harmony and love, where Prabhu Shri Ram and Nishadraj met. Their meeting symbolised the confluence of devotion and goodwill. Even today, Prayagraj inspires us with the same spirit.

For 45 days, I witnessed crores of Indians going to the Sangam. The wave of emotions at the confluence kept rising. The holy confluence of Ganga, Yamuna, and Saraswati filled every pilgrim with enthusiasm, energy, and confidence.

This Mahakumbh is a subject of study for modern management professionals, planning, and policy experts. Nowhere in the world is there any parallel or example of this scale.

The world wondered how crores gathered at Prayagraj without formal invitations or prior communication. They came of their own accord and felt the bliss of the holy dip.

I cannot forget those faces radiating immense joy and satisfaction after the dip. Women, elders, our Divyang brothers and sisters, everyone found a way to reach the Sangam.

The overwhelming participation of India's youth was particularly heartening. Their presence sends a profound message that they will be the torchbearers of our glorious culture and heritage.

The number of people who arrived in Prayagraj for this Mahakumbh has undoubtedly created new records. But crores who could not reach Prayagraj were also profoundly and emotionally connected to the occasion. The sacred water brought back by pilgrims became a source of spiritual bliss for millions. What has happened in the last few weeks is unprecedented and has laid a foundation for centuries.

More devotees arrived in Prayagraj than anyone had imagined. The administration had estimated attendance based on past Kumbh experiences. Nearly twice the population of the United States participated in this Ekta Ka Mahakumbh.

If scholars of spirituality analyse the enthusiastic participation of crores of Indians, they will find that India, proud of its heritage, is now surging ahead with a new-found energy. I believe this is the dawn of a new era, which will script the future of a new India.

For aeons, the Mahakumbh has strengthened India's national consciousness. Every Purnakumbh witnessed a gathering of saints, scholars, and thinkers deliberating upon the state of society in their times. Their reflections used to provide a new direction to the nation and society. Every six years, during the Ardhkumbh, these ideas were reviewed. After 12 Purnakumbhs spanning 144 years, obsolete traditions were given up, newer ideas were embraced, and new traditions were created to move ahead with the times.

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At this Ekta Ka Mahakumbh, all types of people came together. This was an embodiment of the vision of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. We must come together in the same spirit to build a developed India.

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I am reminded of the incident where, as a little boy, Sri Krishna revealed a snapshot of the universe within His mouth to His mother, Yashoda. Similarly, in this Mahakumbh, the people of India and the world have witnessed the massive potential of India's collective strength. We must move forward with this self-confidence and dedicate ourselves to building a developed India.

Earlier, saints of the Bhakti movement identified and encouraged the strength of our collective resolve. From Swami Vivekananda to Sri Aurobindo, every great thinker reminded us of the power of our collective resolve. Even Mahatma Gandhi experienced it during the freedom movement. Post-independence, if this collective strength had been correctly recognised and harnessed towards boosting the welfare of all, it would have become a great force for a newly independent nation. Unfortunately, it was not done earlier. But now, I am gladdened to witness how this collective strength of the people is coming together for a developed India.

From the Vedas to Vivekananda, from the ancient scriptures to modern satellites, India's great traditions have shaped this nation. As a citizen, I pray that we draw new inspiration from the memories of our ancestors and saints. May this Ekta Ka Mahakumbh help us move ahead with new resolve. Let us make unity our guiding principle and service to the nation, the service to the divine.

During my election campaign in Kashi, I had said, "Maa Ganga has called me." This was not just an emotion but also a call for responsibility towards the cleanliness of our sacred rivers. Standing at the Triveni Sangam, my resolve became even stronger. The cleanliness of our rivers is deeply linked to our own lives. Our responsibility is to celebrate our rivers as life-giving mothers. This Mahakumbh inspires us to clean our rivers.

I know that organising such a massive event was no easy task. I pray to Maa Ganga, Maa Yamuna, and Maa Saraswati to forgive us in case of any shortcomings in our devotion. I see Janata Janardan, the people, as an embodiment of divinity. I seek the people's forgiveness if there have been any shortcomings in serving them.

Multitudes came to the Mahakumbh with a feeling of devotion. Serving them was a responsibility carried out with the same devotion. As a Member of Parliament from Uttar Pradesh, I can proudly say that under Yogi JI's leadership, the administration and the people worked to make this Ekta Ka Mahakumbh a success.

Be it the state or Centre, there were no rulers or administrators; everyone was a devoted sevak. Sanitation workers, police, boatmen, drivers, and people serving food all worked tirelessly. How the people of Prayagraj welcomed the pilgrims with open hearts despite facing inconveniences was particularly inspirational. I express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to them and the people of Uttar Pradesh.

I have always had unwavering confidence in our nation's bright future. Witnessing this Mahakumbh has strengthened my conviction manifold.

How 140 crore Indians turned the Ekta Ka Mahakumbh into a global occasion is remarkable. I will soon visit Shri Somnath, the first among the 12 Jyotirlingas, to offer the fruits of these collective national efforts to Him and to pray for every Indian.

The physical form of the Mahakumbh may have culminated successfully on Mahashivratri, but like the eternal flow of the Ganga, the spiritual strength, national consciousness and unity that Mahakumbh has awakened will continue to inspire us for generations.

India looks to bolster trade, defence ties with EU as delegation arrives

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

AMID the changing dimensions of US-Europe ties, India is looking to strengthen its trade and investment partnership with the European Union (EU) while emphasing on development of bilateral technologies and defense cooperation.

The top brass of India and the EU are expected to provide a fresh push on Friday toward finalising an ambitious trade deal in consideration for the past 17 years as the 27-nation bloc aims to revitalise its economic ties with India amidst growing tariff-related friction with the US, while managing the differences over certain contentious global issues.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, accompanied by the EU College of Commissioners – most of them senior political leaders of the European bloc – began a high-profile two-day visit to India on Thursday afternoon.

"In an era of conflicts and intense competition, you need trusted friends. For Europe, India is such a friend and a strategic ally," Von der Leyen posted on X soon after she was received at the airport by Union minister Anupriya Patel.

"We are seeing this visit as very important and this will certainly take our relationship to the next level in a very substantive way," said a senior official in the Ministry of External Affairs, concurring with Von der Leyen statement that she will "discuss with Prime Minister Narendra Modi how to take our strategic partnership to the next level."

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The EU is India's largest trading partner in goods, with bilateral trade amounting to $137.5 billion in the 2023-24 fiscal year, reflecting a growth of approximately 90% over the past decade.

India is keen on expanding ties into emerging technologies including artificial intelligence and partnering with the EU in building resilient supply chains. "EU is an important partner. We are interested in their technology and we offer them scale. We are also finding salience in many of their security construct," the senior MEA official said.

Though both sides resumed the talks for a Free Trade Area (FTA), EU wants India to cut import duties on cars, wines and agriculture products. But India contends that World Trade Organization rules permit differential tariffs between developed and developing nations, but has expressed willingness to gradually reduce tariffs in consultation with domestic industries.

The talks between Modi and Von der Leyen on Friday are set against the backdrop of rising tensions between the EU and the Trump administration. In a pointed statement, the US President on Wednesday accused the EU of being formed to "screw" with the US, while also threatening to impose 25% tariffs on imports from the EU.

The two sides are also expected to deliberate on the Russia-Ukraine conflict, as issue on which they contentious views.

Gold card to ease hiring of Indians: Trump

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

US President Donald Trump on Wednesday said American companies can now hire Indian graduates from US universities under the newly proposed 'gold card' citizenship initiative.

The decision, seen as a significant opportunity for students studying in the US including Indians, follows Donald Trump's unveiling of the 'gold card' on Wednesday – a pathway to US citizenship for wealthy foreign investors willing to invest $5 million.

President Trump said the current immigration system has made it difficult for top international talent, especially from countries like India, to stay and work in the US.

"I get calls from companies where they want to hire the number one student at schools," Trump said during the first full Cabinet meeting of his second term on Wednesday. "A person comes from India, China, Japan, or other countries, attends prestigious schools like Harvard or the Wharton School of Finance, or Yale... they receive job offers, but these offers are quickly rescinded because there's no certainty about whether they can remain in the country," he explained.

Emphasising the impact of these restrictions, Trump said: "They return to their home countries, start businesses, and go on to become billionaires, creating thousands of jobs."

US President Donald Trump speaks during a Cabinet meeting at White House | AP

In this context Trump announced that US companies would be able to purchase the newly-announced gold cards to help in the recruitment of such talented students.

"I want to ensure that a person can stay in the country. These companies can buy a gold card and use it as part of their recruitment process," the US President said.

Urging American companies to purchase the gold card to retain their foreign workforce, Trump said, "Companies can go and buy a gold card, and they can use it as a matter of recruitment," Trump said.

He predicted the programme would be popular with US businesses, saying, "I happen to think it's going to sell like crazy. It's a bargain."

More Indian students than ever before now hold US student visas, latest data suggests, It is assumed that the golden visa offer for hiring international students by US companies would prove beneficial for these students.

Trump unveiled the proposal for gold visa on Tuesday with US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, announcing that the initiative could launch within two weeks without the need for an approval from the US Congress, unlike the other similar visa programme.

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Indian graduate (master's and PhD level) students to the US stands at 196,567. The number of undergraduate students from India also grew by 13%, reaching 36,053, while the number of non-degree students saw a 28% decline with 1,426 students, according to the latest data.

In the 2022-23 academic year, China was the leading source for international students in the US, followed by India. The top five native countries of foreign nationals pursuing their studies in the US for 2023-24 are – India, China (2,77,398), South Korea (43,149), Canada (28,998) and Taiwan (23,157).

India sends most foreign students to US in 2024

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Parents in favour of digital data protection rules

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

NINE in 10 Indian parents favour the draft digital personal data protection rules (DPDP), 2025, which propose that online platforms, like social media, OTT, and online gaming, identify minor accounts with age misrepresentation by either seeking parental consent or shutting such 'fake' accounts, a nation-wide survey has found.

The survey also found that 58% of parents support using profile and content consumption information to determine accounts with age misrepresentation and use AI to identify age-misrepresented accounts of children.

The survey by LocalCircles revealed that some parents said many children falsely represent their age when signing up on the platforms. With no checks and balances on most platforms, children can quickly sign up and use them.

Most parents believe that for the DPDP regulation to be effective, it is critical that the existing accounts where children use social media, online gaming, and OTT platforms as adult users are called out, consented to, reconfigured for appropriate use, or shut down.

Parents in the survey hoped that the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), which released the draft rules on January 3 after a 16-month wait and invited public inputs via the MyGov portal by March 5, would plug the loopholes that place minors at risk, LocalCircles founder Sachin Taparia told this paper.

The survey, which received over 44,000 responses from parents located in over 349 districts, said 88% of parents said the government should make it mandatory for companies to identify minor accounts with age misrepresented and proactively either seek parental consent or shut such accounts.

Citing an earlier survey, which had found that one in two urban Indian parents said their children are addicted to social media, OTT and online gaming platforms, which are making them aggressive, impatient and lethargic, the latest survey found that many children misrepresent their age to get access to them.

So they asked parents if they approve of companies using profile information, user content consumption patterns, and friend lists to identify accounts of minors with misrepresented ages. Again, the answer was in favour of companies taking this action.

The US Federal Trade Commission recently finalised the Children's Online Privacy Protection Rule on collecting and using children's personal data.

WHAT THE DRAFT RULES ENVISION

Parents and guardians are empowered to ensure online safety for their children. Balance between innovation and regulation

The Digital Personal Data Protection Rules aim to safeguard citizens' rights for the protection of personal data

Data Fiduciaries must provide clear information about how personal data is processed, enabling informed consent

Citizens are empowered to demand data erasure, appoint digital nominees, and access user-friendly tools to manage data

THEY SEEK TO PROTECT CITIZENS' RIGHTS WHILE ACHIEVING THE RIGHT BALANCE BETWEEN REGULATION AND INNOVATION

Stormy session likely as Waqf bill set to be tabled in House after Cabinet nod

PREETHA NAIR & MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

WITH the Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2024 expected to be introduced in the second leg of the Budget Session on March 10, Parliament may witness fierce resistance from the Opposition parties determined to block the Bill. According to sources, the Union Cabinet on February 19 approved the updated Waqf (Amendment) Bill with the changes suggested by the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC), setting the tone for the contentious Bill's introduction.

An Opposition member who is a part of the JPC said that the Opposition parties will fight unitedly against the Bill. The leader said that the INDIA bloc parties could sit together and plan a strategy before the Parliament session began.

The JPC report on the Bill was tabled in both Houses of Parliament on February 13, sparking strong opposition protests over the alleged redaction of certain portions of the dissent notes on the report. Later, the government tabled a corrigendum on it in Rajya Sabha. In January, the committee approved all amendments proposed by NDA members while rejecting Opposition changes.

Out of 44 amendments, the panel accepted only 14 changes suggested by ruling NDA members through a vote. The revised Bill, incorporating the approved amendments, was formally adopted by the panel on January 29.

After several deliberations, the JPC submitted its final report to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on January 30.

Congress MP Syed Naseer Hussain told this paper in an earlier interview that only 40-50 percent of the members' redacted portions of dissent notes were added back in the new version, and his party will take up the issue in the second leg of the session.

KEY PROVISIONS OF THE BILL

- Councils of both Central & State Waqf boards will have two Muslim women as members
- The State Council will also have one member from the Muslim OBC community
- State governments are allowed to establish separate Waqf boards for Aghakhani and Bohra communities
- There is provision to protect women's inheritance rights in Waqf Alal Aulad (family waqfs)
- Registered Waqf by User will continue to be recognised, except in cases where the property is under dispute or owned by the government

TAX FREE CINEMA

The BJP government in Chhattisgarh has declared the Hindi film 'Chhava', based on the life of Maratha ruler Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, tax-free in the state. The move is aimed at connecting people with India's glorious past and instilling a sense of patriotism among youth, the CM said.

2 HELD FOR KILLING POLICE CONSTABLE IN ALIGARH

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	33	21	Mumbai	34	26
Bhopal	32	19	Panaji	36	25
Jaipur	28	19	Patna	28	20
Amritsar	18	12	Lucknow	31	17
Chennai	31	28	Port Blair	30	27
Kolkata	31	23	Imphal	26	14
Srinagar	06	-01	Chandigarh	19	14

Over 500 police personnel deployed at Pithampur treatment site; protestors to face action

After SC go-ahead, Union Carbide waste disposal trial begins in MP

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

WITH the Supreme Court on Thursday refusing to interfere with the direction of the Madhya Pradesh High Court waste disposal from the Bhopal Gas Tragedy site, the process of conducting a three-phase trial run of the defunct Union Carbide plant's waste in Pithampur of western MP has begun.

Hours after the apex court order on a petition by Indore-based Gandhian activist Chinmay Mishra, challenging the MP High Court directive, the process of disposing of the waste locked in 12 containers started at the treatment-disposal-storage-facility (TSDF) in Pithampur, 250-km from Bhopal.

According to official sources, five of 12 containers containing five different kinds of waste were first unlocked. Samples from the selected containers were mixed together and filled into bags. The incinerator will be heated optimally for around 12 hours, starting late Thursday night.

"So, the actual process of incinerating the waste of the five containers will not begin before Friday noon," Indore divisional commissioner Dipak Singh told this newspaper.

"The entire exercise is being carried out under the watchful eyes of experts from multiple agencies, including the central pollution control board (CPCB), state pollution control board and National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI). They will also supervise the incineration," a government official added.

The trial run of disposing of 30 of the 358 metric tons of Union Carbide waste at different feed rates from February 27 is being carried out per February 18, 2025, MP High Court order.

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In the first phase, the waste will be disposed of at a 135 kg per hour feed rate, followed by a 180 kg and 270 kg per hour feed rates, respectively. The CPCB will receive the results of the trial run to help decide the ideal feed rate for disposing of the remaining waste. A compliance report will be submitted to the High Court on March 27.

Meanwhile, over 500 police personnel have been deployed in Pithampur. Holding protests without official permission will invite penal action, as prohibitory orders have been imposed. Earlier on Thursday morning, while refusing to interfere with the direction of the MP High Court, the SC granted liberty to the parties to raise their grievances before the High Court.

Mishra told TNIE over the phone from Indore, "I'll have to study the SC's judgment before deciding on a future course of action. I am hopeful that the High Court will take suo moto cognizance of my concerns, including the local municipal body in Pithampur and gram panchayats near the TSDF being averse to the incineration there."

Mamata accuses BJP of using 'fake voters' to win polls, warns of stir

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @ Kolkata

WEST Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday accused the BJP of adding fake voters from other states to the electoral rolls with the alleged backing of the Election Commission (EC), claiming that the party had used similar tactics to secure victories in the Delhi and Maharashtra assembly elections.

Speaking at a Trinamool Congress state conference, Banerjee raised concerns over the appointment of Gyanesh Kumar as the Chief Election Commissioner, alleging that the BJP was attempting to exert influence over the constitutional body. "It is evident how the BJP is tampering with the voters' list with the blessings of the Election Commission," she alleged.

Banerjee warned that if necessary action was not taken to correct the electoral roll, her party would stage a dharna in front of the EC office. Holding a sheaf of papers in her hands, she read out a list of names and cited that electoral rolls were being manipulated with the blessings of the EC in Bengal ahead of the Assembly elections early next year. "The cat is out of the bag now. This is how the BJP is manipulating the voters' list with the blessings of the EC," Banerjee said.

Banerjee formed a committee to check the irregularities in the voters' list in every district of West Bengal. The CM said she had got a list of names from South Dinajpur's Gangarampur and Murshidabad's Raninagar as samples of how old voters were being removed by new voters with the same photo identity card number issued by the EC.

She read out the names of one Mohammad Shahidul Islam from Raninagar, against whose EPIC number one Sonia Devi from Haryana has been included and a Manjeet from Haryana shares the same card with Raninagar's Mohammad Ali Hussain. Banerjee alleged the BJP had hired two agencies -- Association of Billion Minds and India 360 -- which were including the names of people from Gujarat, Rajasthan and Haryana in the voters' list through online system.

RANCHI DIARY

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Former Chief Secretary is JPSC Chairman

Former Jharkhand Chief Secretary L. Khiangte has been appointed as the new Jharkhand Public Service Commission (JPSC) chairman. The state government had proposed his name, and Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar approved the appointment on Thursday. The Governor expressed hope that this appointment would accelerate the recruitment process in the state, ensuring that all examinations conducted by the commission adhere to a scheduled calendar in a timely and efficient manner. Notably, the position of JPSC Chairman had been vacant for six months.

Compensation to Khunti rape survivors

The Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority (JHALSA) has taken suo motu cognisance of the rape of five minor girls in the Rania police station area of Khunti. Immediate action has been directed, and each victim provided with interim financial assistance of ₹10,000. The incident allegedly took place when the girls were returning home after attending a wedding ceremony. A team from DLSA met with the survivors and their parents, who expressed their willingness to seek legal assistance. The survivors have been provided with free legal aid, support persons, and necessary medical assistance.

19K acres of illicit poppy cultivation destroyed

In a major achievement, illegal poppy cultivation on approximately 19,000 acres of land has been eradicated in Jharkhand, leading to the arrest of 190 individuals associated with this illegal farming activity over the past two months. A large-scale operation against this practice has been ongoing across the state since January. According to official data, the area of illegal poppy cultivation destroyed—19,086 acres—was four times higher than in previous years. A total of 283 cases have been registered, with 190 people arrested in connection with these activities. The most affected districts include Chatra, Khunti, Latehar, Ranchi, among others.

Police use drones to hunt for Pune bus rape accused

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Pune

THE Pune Police on Thursday announced a reward of ₹1 lakh for information leading to Dattatray Gade, who is accused of sexually assaulting a 26-year-old woman inside a bus in Swargate.

To track down the accused, the police have formed thirteen police teams: eight are from the Crime Branch, and five from Swargate Police Station. They have also released his photograph to assist in the search.

According to the police, to avoid being caught, Gade hid in a truck carrying vegetables. The police also deployed sniffer dogs and drones within the vast tracts of sugarcane fields. The drones are required because each plant can grow up to 10 feet in height, making it difficult for police teams to search the farmed area on foot.

The accused is suspected to be hiding in a field of sugarcane plants near his hometown in Ahilyanagar district. The accused made his way to his hometown, where he changed his clothes and shoes.

Gade is facing at least six charges related to theft, robbery, and chain-snatching in Pune and the neighbouring Ahilya Nagar district.

Maha student in ICU after accident, MEA steps in for US visa to family

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE External Affairs Ministry (MEA) has raised an urgent request with the US for a visa for the family of student Neelam Shinde from Maharashtra who is fighting for her life after a road accident in California, sources said.

"The External Affairs Ministry has taken up the matter and the US side is looking into formalities of for early granting of visa for the visa to the applicant's family," sources said.

According to Shinde's family, she was involved in an accident on February 14 while out for an evening walk. It was a hit-and-run incident in which the car struck her from behind that resulted in severe injuries to her arms, legs, head, and chest, the family said.

Following the accident, the 35-year-old woman was rushed to C Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, California, where she is currently receiving treatment in the intensive care unit. In light of her critical condition, the hospital reportedly sent an email to the family, urging them to come to the US as soon as possible.

The hospital required permission to perform surgery on her. "We were informed about the accident on February 16 and have been attempting to secure a visa since then, but we have not received it yet," said her father, Tanaji Madhav Shinde.

Nationalist Congress Party (Sharadchandra Pawar) leader Supriya Sule flagged the case on Wednesday as well.

"Student Neelam Shinde has met with an accident in the USA and is hospitalized in a local hospital. Her father, Tanaji Shinde, from Satara, Maharashtra, India, urgently needs to visit his daughter due to a medical emergency. Tanaji Shinde has applied for an urgent visa to the USA and requires assistance," she said in a post on X.

'Ceasefire violations Pak's terror strategy for Valley'

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

SECURITY experts have linked recent ceasefire violations by Pakistani troops along the LoC in Poonch and Rajouri to militancy incidents in Jammu region, terming it Pakistan's strategy to weaken India's security measures by prompting the Army to redeploy some of its forces from Kashmir to Jammu, thereby allowing militants to regain foothholds in the Valley.

They also view these violations as an attempt by the Pakistan army to divert the attention from ongoing political uncertainty and economic crisis in their country. "Ceasefire violations in Poonch and Rajouri by Pakistan forces are not new. They want to weaken the security grid and relocate some army personnel from Kashmir to Jammu region, making it easier for the militants to operate," said former J&K police chief Kuldip Khoda.

Recent incidents have included sniper fire along the LoC that resulted in injuries to several Army personnel. Additionally, two soldiers, including a captain, were killed in an IED blast triggered by militants near the LoC in Poonch on February 11. Khoda asserts that the threat to the Jammu region is real, with an increasing possibility of infiltration attempts through the LoC or the International Border (IB).

"Pakistan is shifting its focus from the Kashmir border to the Jammu border to reactivate militant activities in the Valley, where militants have suffered significant casualties. Since they can no longer operate effectively in Kashmir, they want the focus to shift to the Jammu region. There is a distinct possibility that they may attempt to carry out terror incidents in Jammu," he cautioned, warning that violence in Jammu and Kashmir could escalate during the summer months.

Brigadier (Retd) Anil Gupta linked ceasefire violations to political turmoil in Pakistan. "It shows the desperation of Pakistan. Pakistan Army chief, who is facing political instability in the country, does not want peace in the Valley".

He, however, said during last week's flag meeting between Indian and Pakistan military officials in Poonch, India has made it clear that it will give befitting reply to any ceasefire violations.

Another former J&K police chief S P Vaid said the Pakistan army has been using Kashmir to play with the emotions of its people. "Pakistan is facing economic and political meltdown but there has been no change in its intentions."

A month after UCC rollout, U'khand records only seven live-in registrations

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

UTTARAKHAND, the first state in independent India to implement the Uniform Civil Code, has been experiencing a tepid response in live-in relationship registrations since its enactment a month ago.

Since the UCC came into effect on January 27, only seven couples have registered their relationships under this new law, while marriage registrations have seen a much more enthusiastic response.

A local official said, "While we anticipated a broader interest in live-in registrations, the significant uptick in marriage registrations indicates that traditional unions still hold strong appeal in our society."

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A 65-year-old Hindu senior citizen residing in the Connaught Place area of Dehradun, who has been in a live-in relationship for the past 40 years, shared his concerns with this newspaper. "I find it incomprehensible why the government has implemented this provision. There has been a sudden upheaval in my life, which has been equivalent to marriage for over three decades, and I may have to leave this state," he stated.

The senior citizen of Punjabi origin elaborated on the societal constraints he faces, saying, "Due to a family issue I encountered, many people did not want to talk to me, and some were unwilling to sit with me or maintain relations."

A Hindu couple residing in Garhi Cantt, who have been in a live-in relationship for the past four years, is considering relocating due to the recent changes in the law. The young man expressed his sentiments saying, "Our relationship is no less than that of any couple who ties the knot with seven sacred vows. While there may be instances of dowry deaths or harassment in those marriages, our relationship is equally pure and sacred before God."

Shailesh Bagauli, the State Home Secretary, expressed his satisfaction with the number of live-in-relationship registrations under the UCC. "We are pleased with the number of registrations under the UCC. Since this is a new initiative, it will take some time for people to come forward to register. Government employees can register their marriages under the UCC," he stated.

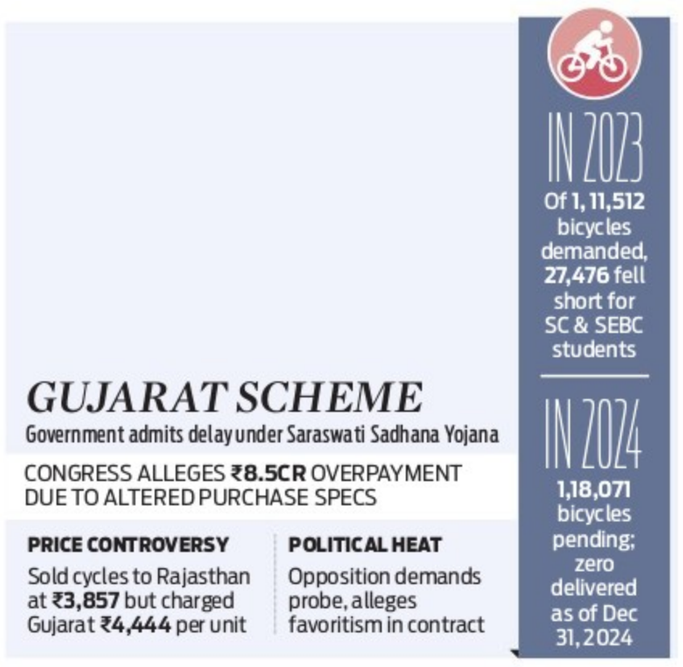
In January, the government had urged its employees to register their marriages under the UCC. As of Thursday, a total of 5,117 individuals have registered for marriage or marital approval under this new framework, while only seven individuals have come forward to register their live-in relationships.

Govt faces heat over 1.18L undelivered bicycles

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

THE Gujarat government has admitted in the Assembly that 1,18,071 bicycles meant for students from socially and educationally backward classes (SEBC) and Scheduled Castes (SC) under the Saraswati Sadhana Yojana remained undelivered as of 31/12/24. The scheme, designed to provide bicycles to class 9 girls for commuting to school, aims to boost attendance among underprivileged students. The delay raises concerns over the scheme's execution, impacting thousands of students reliant on this crucial transport aid.

In response to a query by Congress MLA Amit Chavda on Thursday, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment revealed a significant shortfall in bicycle distribution under the scheme. In 2023, too, there was a shortfall in delivery. Against the demand for 13,300 bicycles for SC students and 98,212 for SEBCs, Gujarat Rural Industries Marketing Corporation Ltd. (GRIMC), delivered only 6,829 and 77,607 bicycles, respectively.


GUJARAT SCHEME
Government admits delay under Saraswati Sadhana Yojana
CONGRESS ALLEGES ₹8.5CR OVERPAYMENT DUE TO ALTERED PURCHASE SPECS
PRICE CONTROVERSY
Sold cycles to Rajasthan at ₹3,857 but charged Gujarat ₹4,444 per unit
POLITICAL HEAT
Opposition demands probe, alleges favoritism in contract
IN 2023
Of 1,11,512 bicycles demanded, 27,476 fell short for SC & SEBC students
IN 2024
1,18,071 bicycles pending; zero delivered as of Dec 31, 2024

The crisis worsened in 2024, as against the demand for 12,800 bicycles for SC students and 1,05,271 for SEBC students from GRIMC, not a single bicycle was delivered till December 31. The Gujarat government claimed some progress in the 2023 numbers, informing the House that of the 6,471 pending bicycles for SC students, 6,034 have been distributed so far. Similarly, 20,605 bicycles meant for SEBCs have been allocated.

However, the government admitted that 1,05,271 bicycles for the 2024-25 academic year remain undelivered, stating that distribution will begin once supplies arrive from vendors. The opposition was unconvinced, with the Leader of the Opposition alleging corruption in a major bicycle scam, intensifying political heat in the Assembly.

Congress MLA Amit Chavda alleged that the government altered the Saraswati Sadhana Yojana 2023-24 purchase specifications to favour select companies. He claimed that the government intervened instead of the procurement panel deciding on quality standards, allowing direct departmental approval.

"A company supplying bicycles to Rajasthan at ₹3,857 per unit sold the same model to Gujarat at ₹4,444—costing taxpayers an extra ₹500 per cycle. The total overpayment? A staggering ₹8.5 crore for 1.70 lakh bicycles." Chavda alleged.

He claimed, "The bicycle purchase, due in May 2023, was delayed. Despite their delivery in April 2024, EQDC quality checks found them below ISI standards. As a result, thousands of bicycles remain in GRIMC warehouses—yet to reach a single student."

CITY CORPORATION VIJAYAPURA

No:CCV/PWD/EE/DMA/TND/E-proc/2024-25 Dated:25.02.2025

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

Executive Engineer, City Corporation Vijayapur invites tenders from eligible tenders registered in KPWD for the 1) 06 Works under Corporation Fund 2024-25 and 2) 02 works under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0 Fund 3) 01 work under Corporation Fund 2024-25 (% 24.10, % 7.25 & %5) Tenders are called in standard tender document through E-Procurement portal. For further details visit online website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**.

Note: Tender Corrigendum and Addendum will be issued in kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal.

2) Last date for Tender Submission : 17.03.2025

Sd/- Executive Engineer, City Corporation, Vijayapura

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/730/ಕೆವಿಸ್ ಎಂಸಿಎ/2024–25

BEFORE THE HON'BLE MUNSIFF COURT ERNAKULAM

RP No. 172 & 173 of 2024 In R.P. No.32 of 2022 In O.S. No. 237 of 2017

Cargomar Pvt. Ltd. ... PETITIONER/ PLAINTIFF -V/s- Ivor Monsurate ... RESPONDENT/ DEFENDANTS

Ivor Monsurate, aged 56 years, S/o.P. S. Mansurate, No. 1, Crown Dale Villa, 10th Main Road, Ashirvad Colony, Horamavu, Bangalore 560043.

NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT

Take notice that the petitioner filed the above RP No. 172 & 173 of 2024 In R.P. No.32 of 2022 In O.S. No. 237 of 2017 and that the same is posted for hearing before the Hon'ble Court on **15/03/2025.** You are hereby called upon that, if you have any objection in the above case, you may file the same before the Court either in person or through your counsel at **11:00 A.M.** on the above said date, failing which the above case will be decided in your absence.

Dated this the 29th day of January, 2025.

SNEHA RAJIV
Counsel for the Petitioner/Plaintiff

GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi, Pin Code.585 102. Phone : 08472 256881
CIN: U04010KA2002SGC030436 E-mail : seeprojectsgescom@gmail.com

No.GESCOM/CEE(O)/SEE(Proj)/EEE/AEE/AE-2/2024-25/67856-71 Date:27-02-2025

:: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION ::

(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Limited invites tender for the works of "Enhancement of 5MVA by 10MVA Power Transformer at 33/11kV **Tengali Layout, Service Station-44, Shantinagar, Muslapur & Chandrabanda Sub-Stations** & Providing additional 5MVA Power Transformer (released) at **Nelogi, Jidaga & Udchan, Alawandi & Mamadadoddi Sub-Stations in Kalaburagi & Ballari Zones** on **Total Turnkey Basis"** including supply of all Equipment's/Materials, Erection, Civil Works, testing and commissioning under competitive bidding from eligible bidders through **Karnataka Public Procurement Portal.**

Sl. No.	Tender Enquiry Nos.	Appx. Amt. (in Crs)	Name of Company
1	No:GESCOM/CEE(O)/SEE(Proj)/EEE/AEE/AE-2/ TTK/2024-25/10MVA/KLB Zone/467.	8.29	GESCOM
2	No:GESCOM/CEE(O)/SEE(Proj)/EEE/AEE/AE-2/TTK/ 2024-25/10MVA/BLY Zone/468.	5.63	

The bid documents will be available in **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **03.03.2025,** the prospective bidders can obtain further details from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Chief Engineer Electy., (Operations), Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/1012/KSMC&A/2024-25

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(Public Works Department)

Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Division: Yadgir.

GSTIN:29BLR002252F1DR

No.EE/PWD/Divn/YDG/TS-1&3/e-Tender/2024-25/ 3320, Dated: 25.02.2025

Short Term e-Tender Notification

1) Details of works: On behalf of Governor of Karnataka as per KTPP Amendment 1999-2000 Act 2000 Standard Bid Document KW-3 & 4 Karnataka Public Works Department invited item Rate Tender under KPPP Portal in Two Cover System from Eligible Agency/Contractors for following works Under KKRDB, Appendiix-E and Vivek Plan Under Yadgir Division-(1)14496/CALL-4 (2)18500/CALL-2 (3)18679/CALL-2 (4)17663/CALL-2 (5)18347 (6)18605 (7)17709 (8)18497 and (9) 19215 Total 09 (Nine) works Tender Called **2) Amount Put to Tender:** Miminimum Rs 100.00 Lakhs and Maximum Rs.500.00 Lakhs **3) Contractor Eligible Details:** Civil Class-III & Above and MSME (for Work Indent 19215) **4) Tender Procesing Fee and EMD Details**: Tender Fee, EMD & Period as per kppp portal, **5) Last Date & Time for Tender Pre-Bid Meeting:** 03.03.2025 (11.30 hrs Onwards) **6) Last Date & Time for Tender queries/Clarification:** 05.03.2025 (Upto 17.30 hrs) **7) Last Date & Time for Reciept of the tender in e-KPPP portal:** 07.03.2025 (Upto 16.00 hrs) **8) Date & Time of Opening of the Tender/Technical Bid:** 10.03.2025 (11.30 hrs Onwards) **9) Date & Time of Opening of the Financial Bid:** 12.03.2025 (11.30 hrs Onwards) **10) For More Details Contact:** Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division: Yadgir. **11) Website Address:** https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

NOTE: Any Corrections / Changes will be updated in the kppp Portal only

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Yadgir.

DIP/YDG/521/KSMC&A/2024-25

TENDER NOTICE
Four Seasons Hotel, Bengaluru.

Quadron Business Park Pvt. Ltd. - Four Seasons Hotel Bengaluru at Embassy ONE, a 5-star luxury hotel invites sealed tenders from reliable and established vendors from Bengaluru on rate contract basis for 12 months commencing from **1st April 2025** to **31st March 2026** for the supply of following:

FOOD & BEVERAGE

1.	Local Groceries, Whole Spices, Branded Spices, Dry Fruits & Nuts	9.	Bread & Chapati
2.	Imported Groceries, Bakery Products, Tinned, Canned & Bottled Food Products	10.	Sona Masoori Rice & Basmati Rice
3.	Fresh Local Vegetables, & Exotic Vegetables (Local & Imported), Peeled Garlic, Bean Sprouts, Peeled Shallots/ Onions, Micro Greens, Mushrooms & Grated Coconut.	11.	Chats & Savouries, Indian Sweets & Snacks
4.	Fresh Fruits (Local & Imported)	12.	Cold Cuts Local & Imported
5.	Frozen Green Peas & Sweet corn	13.	Poultry (Chicken, Farm Fresh Eggs & Cage Free Eggs)
6.	Fresh Milk, Dairy Products Local & Imported Cheese	14.	Fresh Fish & Sea Food
7.	Fresh Noodles & Wonton Sheets	15.	Frozen Sea Food Local & Imported
8.	Ice Cream & Kulfis	16.	Lamb Products and Fresh Tenderloin

GENERAL ITEMS & SERVICES

1.	Office & Printing Stationery	6.	Engineering Supplies (Electrical, Plumbing, Painting & Hardware.
2.	LPG, Gel Fuel & T-Light Candles	7.	Disposable, packing material & Cleaning Supplies
3.	Charcoal	8.	Goods, transport vehicle providers
4.	Fresh Flowers and Flower designs	9.	Motor rewinding
5.	Hiring of AV Equipment and Banquet CCG / Furniture	10.	Glass & Mirror fixing
		11.	Guest Supplies

Tender Forms and other Particulars can be obtained on payment of Rs.1000/- for each category and are available with the purchase Department at the hotel between **10 am to 5 pm from 1st March 2025 till 8th March 2025.** Contact No.080-45222232/34. The last date of submitting tenders is 10th March 2025. The Tender is subject to following: **1.** The Rates finalized for the twelve months will not change under any circumstances. **2.** The rates must be inclusive of delivery charges till our stores premises; GST should be shown separately on the invoices if applicable. **3.** The Hotel reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without any reasons whatsoever and no representation shall be entertained on this account. Preference will be given to suppliers with ISO 22000/ HACCP certification/Eco Labeled.

Sealed applications are to be submitted at the below mentioned address.

Four Seasons Hotel Bengaluru at Embassy ONE
#8, Bellary Road, Ganganagar, Near Mekhri Circle, Bengaluru-560032.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Home Loan Centre Bengaluru Central,
Lady Curzon Road, Bengaluru - 560001.Tele No.9611093484,
Email: sbi.63988@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8(1) (For immovable property)

A/c. No's. 36226238737/36243350236

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notice dated: 27.11.2024, calling upon the borrower: **Smt.Nadashree Deepak** W/o. Deepak.N to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.55,43,948/-** (Rupees Fifty Five Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Eight only) as on 26.11.2024 with future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost and charges thereonwithin 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower has failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on **24.02.2025.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.55,67,201/-** (Rupees Fifty Five Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand Two Hundred and one only) as on 18.02.2025 and interest + expenses thereon. The borrower's/ mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential House Building bearing No.24, situated at 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Kumarswamy Layout 2nd Stage, EWS Houses, Corporation Ward No.55, measuring East to West : 30 feet or 8.70 mtrs and North to South : 17 feet or 5.20 mtrs, in total measuring 45.24 sq.mtrs., within the Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.55, having assigned PID No.55-885-24, New PID No.182-W0399-46, standing in the name of Smt.Nadashree Deepak and bounded on : East by : Drain, West by : Road, North by : House No.23, South by : House No.25.

Place : Bengaluru
Date: 24.02.2025

Sd/- Authorised Officer, State Bank of India
Home Loan Centre Bangalore Central,
Lady Curzon Road, Bengaluru

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DOCUMENT LOST

I, **V JAMUNA RANI,** W/o Vasudean R, D/o Late A. Sarojammal, age 58 years, R/at No. 740/44, 1st Main, Chowdeshwari Layout, Marathahalli, Bangalore-560 037 do hereby inform to the general public that I have lost my documents i.e., Original Sale deed of property bearing Sy No.09. 259/2A Situated at Arakonam Town, North Arcot Jilla, Arakonam Taluk, Gandhi Nagar, dry Survey No.09, 259/2A, light farmer naidu land East 210 feet Road, A Chandran vacant land, West-for myself minor E Subramani, S.Elangovan, Kalaivani measuring East to West 64 feet, North to South 80 feet, totally measuring 5120 sqft this property my mother Smt. A Sarojammal acquired through Registered 448/1987dt:02.02.1987, registered in the office of Sub-registrar, Arakonam. While house shifting time, the above said original documents are lost. Inspite of my best efforts I could not trace the same and in this regard on 19-02-2025, I had lodged online complaint at Police Unit, Bengaluru City, Vide Lost Report No. 1485362/2025. If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession, please handover the same to the above said address or contact me on **81472 29960.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, my client, **Mr. Sastry,** has entered into an **Agreement to Sell** with the intent to purchase the **Schedule Property** described below. Any person, financial institution, third party, legal heir, representative, or any other entity having any claim, right, lien, or interest over the Schedule Property is hereby called upon to submit their claims along with supporting documentary proof to the undersigned at my chambers or via phone/email **within 30 clear days** from the date of this notice.

Failure to raise any such claims within the stipulated period shall be deemed as an admission that no claims exist over the **Schedule Property,** and my client shall proceed to conclude the sale transaction accordingly.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing residential Site No.15, admeasuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 50 feet, in all measuring 1500 Sq.feet, situated at Mallathalli Village, Yashwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, bearing assessment No.46, Khatha No.324, coming under the limits of BBMP Ward No.129 and bounded on the:

East by : Property belonging to Veerabadhrappa
West by : Western portion of property No.15
North by : Road
South by : Property bearing No.16

ANIRUDH .K H, Advocate
Chambers: 162, Ground Floor, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Arekere Mico Layout, Bannerghatta Road Bengaluru-560076
Email: anirudhlegal93@gmail.com,
Phone: +91 9019489922, Date: 27-02-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our client has negotiated with **Mr. Nandisha** S/o B.G Shivanna, Aged about 35 years, residing at House No. 77, "Pavanasuta Nilaya", 16th Cross Road, Mutturayaswamy Layout, Sunkadakatte, Bengaluru-560 091, to purchase the Schedule Property for valuable consideration. It is represented to our client that **Mr. Nandisha,** is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and he has acquired the Schedule Property under the Partition Deed dated 23rd March 2023, registered as Document No.SRI-1-09304/2022-23, stored in C D No.SRID1294 with the Office of the sub-Registrar, Shrirampura, Bengaluru. Any person(s) claiming any right, title or interest of whatsoever nature over the Schedule Property is called upon to lodge such claim with the undersigned, with supporting documents within 7 days from the date of this publication. In the event no such claim(s) is received within the stipulated time, it shall be lawful for our client to presume that there are no valid claim(s) adverse to **Mr. Nandisha**'s right, title and interest in the Schedule Property and proceeds with the proposed sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.77, Property No.1006/77/49/2, Old Assessment No.49/2, BBMP E-PID No.6330005803, measuring East to West 44 Feet and North to South 56 Feet, totally measuring 228.91 Sq. Meters (2464 Sq. Feet), together with Building consisting of Ground, First and Second Floor, measuring 5350 Sq. feet, situated at Muthurayaswamy Layout, Srigandada Kavalu Dhakale, Sunkadakatte Village, BBMP Ward No.73, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru-560 091 and bounded on: East by: Property belongs to Nanjundappa, West by : Road, North by : Property belongs to Lingaiah and South by : Other Property.

M/s. B.M. Associates,
Advocates & consultants,
No. 7/1, Top Floor, G.J. Complex, 100 feet Road, Indiranagar I Stage, Bangalore - 560 038.

कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड
(एक महारत्न कंपनी)

"All the tenders issued by CIL and its Subsidiaries for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on website of Coal India Ltd **www.coalindia.in** / respective Subsidiary Company, CIL e-procurement portal **https://coalindiatenders.nic.in** and Central Procurement Portal **htttps://eprocure.gov.in**. In addition, procurement is also done through GeM portal **https://gem.gov.in**".

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY

No: CE/PRD/ACCTS-16/24/73 dtd. 25.02.2025
e-TENDER CALL NOTICE

Name of the work : Providing Concrete Road along MCHP pond including construction of drain near MCHP workshop of Paradip Port. Estimated Cost: **Rs.2,21,62,724.02.** Last Date & time of submission : **17.03.2025** up to 17:00 Hrs.

Refer our Website for details eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PRD, PPA

PPA/PR/65/2024-2025 dtd.27.02.2025

The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd

(A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking),Sankaramangalam,Kollam 691583
Phone : 0476-2651215 to 217, E-Mail :md@kmml.com

TENDER NOTICE

For more details please visit E-Tendering Portal, https://etenders.kerala.gov.in or www.kmml.com

Sl No	Tender Id	Items
1	2025_KMML_737983_1	For the supply of FRP Scrubber Storage Tank for Calciner-1 Nos
2	2025_KMML_743433_1	Construction of Garland drain at south side of old IOP & ETP
3	2025_KMML_743469_1	Lime neutralization and shifting of stabilized Iron oxide sludge for disposal actions
4	2025_KMML_743460_1	Iron oxide shifting from elevated pond to designated area of old ponds
5	2025_KMML_743615_1	For Fabrication,Supply,Replacement and commissioning of shell segment of K301A(new calciner)-1 Nos

Chavara 27.02.2025 **Sd/- Managing Director for The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd**

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank
इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD

STRESSED ASSETS MANAGEMENT BRANCH - CHENNAI
55, Ethiraj Salai, Zonal Office Building II Floor, Wellington Estate, Egmore, Chennai - 600 008. Telephone : 044-28216711.
email : armb2chennai@indianbank.co.in

The Demand Notice issued on 13.06.2022 stands withdrawn.
In lieu of the same, the present Demand Notice is issued.

PUBLICATION DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Sec.13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 sent on 18.02.2025 by Registered Post with Acknowledgement Due :

To, (1) M/s. Perg Electro Mechanical Pvt Ltd, (Borrower), Directors : Mr. Ibram Shah, Mr. P. Suresh and Mr. B. Manivannan, Reg Off : No.3022, 6th Main Road, South Ram nagar, Madipakkam, Chennai - 600 091. **(2) Mr. Ibram Shah, (Director/Guarantor),** S/o Mr. Munaf, 718, 6th Main Road, Ram Nagar, Madipakkam, Chennai - 600 091. **(3) Mr. P. Suresh, (Director/Guarantor),** S/o Mr. Prabhakaran, B-4, Indhu Flats, No.24, T V Road, Chetpet, Chennai - 600 031. **(4) B. Manivannan, (Director/Guarantor/Mortgagor),** S/o Mr. Balasubramani, No.002, 3rd Cross, Hemanth Nagar, Marathahalli, Bangalore - 36. **(5) B. Anusiya, (Guarantor/Mortgagor),** W/o Mr. Balasubramani, Door No.5 (Old Door No.43), New Ward-7, Murugavel Nagar, 3rd Cross, K.K. Nagar, Trichy - 21. **(6) B. Sudharshan, (Guarantor/Mortgagor),** S/o Mr. Balasubramani, Door No.5 (Old Door No.43), New Ward-7, Murugavel Nagar, 3rd Cross, K.K. Nagar, Trichy - 21.

Sub : Your OCC INDSME SEC-MICRO SMAL-REPO A/c No.6837224303, INDMSE COVID EMERGENCY LN A/c No. 6882067693, MSME-IND GECLS COVID-REPO A/c No.6887712266, MSME-SML-FITL- NEW-MCLR A/c No. 7033854513 and MSME-GECLS 1.0_ADDON-REPO A/c No.7035175551 with Indian Bank, Porur Branch (now transferred to Indian Bank, SAM Branch, Chennai) - Reg.

You committed default in repayment of loan due to the total tune of **Rs.2,53,30,090.56 (Rupees Two crores fifty three lakhs thirty thousand ninety and paise fifty six only)** as on **16.02.2025** with further interest at the agreed rate from 17.02.2025 till the date of repayment.

The Bank issued notice under the SARFAESI Act on **17.02.2025** calling upon you to repay the outstanding amount of **Rs.2,53,30,090.56 (Rupees Two crores fifty three lakhs thirty thousand ninety and paise fifty six only)** as on **16.02.2025.** The notice were sent to you by Regd. Post has been returned unserved.

You are called upon to pay **Rs.2,53,30,090.56** together with interest from 17.02.2025 till date of payment within 60 days from the date of this demand notice failing which Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as against the secured assets given in the Schedule hereunder. This notice is without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank.

"We draw attention to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act and the Rules framed there under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities".

SCHEDULE

The specific details of the assets in which security interest is created are enumerated hereunder :

Mortgaged assets owned by Mr. B. Manivannan, Mr. B. Sudharshan & Mrs. B. Anushya : All that piece and parcel of land bearing Plot No.28, Murugavel Nagar 3rd Street, K. Sathanur Village, measuring an extent of 2400 Sq. ft., comprised in Old S. No.1/3 part, T.S. No.40, Ward AH, Tiruchirapalli Corporation, Ariyamangalam Zone, Tiruchirapalli East Taluk, Tiruchirapalli District, in the layout approved in D.D.P.L.P(T.T) No.32/79 and bounded on the - North by : 20 feet Road, South by : Plot No.29, East by : 20 feet Road, West by : Plot No.27. Measuring - North side : 40 feet, South side : 40 feet, East side : 60 feet, West side : 60 feet. In all measuring 2400 Sq. ft. of land together with building thereon and lying within the Registration District of Tiruchirapalli and Sub Registration District of Keelsathanur and also lies within the limits of Corporation of Tiruchirapalli.

Hypothecated Assets : Hypothecation of Stocks and Book Debts at unit - No.3022, 6th Main Road, South Ram Nagar, Madipakkam, Chennai - 600 091.

Date : 28.02.2025 **Authorised Officer,**
Place : Chennai **Indian Bank.**

MAHILA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

A.O. # 14, South End Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore - 560020.
Phone: 23562229 / 23460051

Rule 13(4) Appendix IV

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd. Bangalore** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest (SARFAESI) Act., 2002, and In exercise of power under section 13(12) read with Rules 3 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice on the dates mentioned below calling therein upon the within-named Borrowers / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned below within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of the said notice.

The within - named Borrowers / Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is hereby given to them and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conduct on him under Section 13 (4) of the said of the Act read with rule 9 of the Said Rules of the below mentioned date.

The Borrowers / Guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd. Bangalore** For the amount, interest & other charges thereon.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrower	Descriptions of the property	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding in Rs.
1.	**Smt. K S Anasuyamma, W/o Late Gangadharaiah,** No.92, Belmar Layout, Near Euro Kids School, Rukmini Nagara, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru-560 073. **Gurarantors: 1. Sri. T G Kiran, S/o Late Gangadharaiah,** No.92, Belmar Layout, Near Euro Kids School, Rukmini Nagara, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru-560 073. **2. Sri. D B Ravi, S/o Late Bhyranna,** No.92, Belmar Layout, Near Euro Kids School, Rukmini Nagara, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru-560 073.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Site No.92 registered in BBMP Khata No.92/394, Old Khata No.88 of Assessment No.56 of Chokkasandra Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, comes under BBMP, Bengaluru, **Measuring:** East to West 40'-0" Feets and North to South 20-0" Feets, having a total extent of 800 square feets and bounded on the: **East by**: Road, **West by**: Private Property, **North by**: Property No.91, **South by**: Private Property.	**02.12.2024**	**25.02.2025**	**A/c No. 291 Rs.24,80,877/- + With further interest & other charges as on 30.11.2024**

Date: 28.02.2025
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd. Bengaluru.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THIS is to inform the General Public my client intends to purchase the scheduled property mention herein below from its owners Smt. C.PREMA W/o Sri. K C Shivanna & Sri. K S Harish S/o Sri. K C Shivanna, residing at No.67, 1st Main, Hosakerehalli, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560 085. they have purchased from its previous owner Sri. V. Ananda Naidu S/o Sri. V.Changalraya Naidu. Represented my Client that they are joint owner and has the clear and Marketable title to the Schedule Property. If any person / s, entity, firm, institution (Corporate or otherwise) claiming to have any rights / title / interest / claims or enforceable right in relation to the Schedule Property either as owner or in any other manner of objecting for such alienation may lodge their objections with documentary proof within 10 (Ten) days hereof, to the undersigned in writing, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and my client would proceed to complete the transaction of purchase with the present owner thereof subject to compliance with other statutory and legal compliances to purchase the Schedule Property.

"SCHEDULE PROPERTY"

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.3, Old Khatha No.11, CMC Khatha No.293, situated at Hosakerehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike under Ward No.160 and name of the Ward is Rajarajeshwarinagara Sub Division, bearing BBMP Property No.11/3 - measuring East to West 30 ft and North to South 42 ft total measuring area of 1260 sqft with E-Hasthi and Site is bounded by: **East by :** Site No. 2, **West by :** Site No. 4, **North by :** Private Property & **South by :** Road.

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E-Auction Sale Notice - Subsequent Sale

That Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Ltd have assigned a pool of Loan (including below mentioned Loans) together with underlying security interest created thereof along with all the rights, title and interest thereon under Section 5 (1) (b) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("SARFAESI ACT") vide an assignment agreement dated March 29, 2023 ("the Assignment Agreement") in favour of JMFARC (JM) (herein referred as Assignee) acting in its capacity as trustee of JMFARC – Aranya – Trust. It is to notify that PCHFL is authorized and appointed to act as Service provider / Collection agent to facilitate all operational and procedures processes vide Assignment / Service Agreement.

Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Secured Creditor under the SARFAESI Act, 2002 for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the possession, on **'As Is Where Is Basis', 'As Is What Is Basis' and 'Whatever Is There Is Basis',** Particulars of which are given below:

Loan Code/Branch/ Borrower(s)\Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Property Address _final	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)	Outstanding Amount (26-02-2025)
Loan Code No.: 21500043915, Bengaluru - Jayanagar (Branch), Iqbal Syed (Borrower), Noor Jan (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 26-09-2019, Rs. 4574763/-, (Rs. Forty Five lakh Seventy Four Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Three Only)	All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- Flat No. 308, Sf, Sands Gateway Sarjapura Village, Sarjapura Hobli Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Karnataka IN 562125 Boundaries As :- North : Pvt.Property South : RoadEast : Pvt.Property West :Road	Rs. 5229180/-, (Rs. Fifty Two lakh Twenty Nine Thousand One Hundred Eighty Only)	Rs. 522918/-, (Rs. Five lakh Twenty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen Only)	Rs. 9588942/-, (Rs. Ninety Five lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Two Only)
Loan Code No.: 21400042519, Bengaluru - Jayanagar (Branch), Gopinath Turaka (Borrower), Muli Laxmi (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 20-07-2021, Rs. 1640157/-, (Rs. Sixteen lakh Forty Thousand One Hundred Fifty Seven Only)	All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- Veerabhadra Palya Village Doddaballapura Site No 16 Lakshmi Layout Sy No 47/1b2 Kasaba Hobli K No 2482/4 Bangalore Rural Karnataka IN 561203 Boundaries As :- North : site no 15 South : 30 feet road East : 25 feet road West : Site no 09	Rs. 1470600/-, (Rs. Fourteen lakh Seventy Thousand Six Hundred Only)	Rs. 147060/-, (Rs. One lakh Forty Seven Thousand Sixty Only)	Rs. 2853576/-, (Rs. Twenty Eight lakh Fifty Three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Six Only)

DATE OF E-AUCTION: 18-03-2025, FROM 11.00 A.M. TO 1.00 P.M (WITH UNLIMITED EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES EACH), LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF BID: 17-03-2025, BEFORE 4.00 P.M.

For detailed terms and conditions of the Sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.jmfinancialarc.com/Home/Assetsforsale OR https://www.bankauctions.in.

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT TO THE BORROWER/GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR

The above mentioned Borrower/Guarantor are hereby noticed to pay the sum as mentioned in section 13(2) notice in full with accrued interest till date before the date of auction, failing which property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost from borrower/guarantor.

Date : 28.02.2025 | Place : BENGALURU **Sd/- (Authorised Officer), (Aranya - Trust)**

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A Scheduled Commercial Bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

E-AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction)of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS "** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on 24.02.2025	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last Date Time & Place for submission of Bid
1	46459440000130 46459670000195 & 46459670000219	1) Mrs. Sowmya Rani, Prop. M/s. Hotel Nandi Grand, Also at: M/s. Hotel Nandi Grand, 2) Mr. Manjunatha D	07.11.2024	16.01.2025	Rs.40,12,688.84 (Rupees Forty Lakh Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Eight and Eighty Four Paisa Only)	20.03.2025 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.51,30,000/- (Rupees Fifty One Lakh Thirty Thousand Only)	Rs.5,13,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Thirteen Thousand Only)	03.04.2025 @ 02:00 PM	02.04.2025, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071

Details of Secured Assets: All the piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.34, V P Khatha Sl. No.318,situated at Doddahullur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and **Bounded by the: East by:** Site No.35, **West by:** Site No.33, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No.37. Measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 40 feet, total measuring 1200 Sq.feet.

The properties are being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** & **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and the E-Auction will be conducted **'On Line'.** The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider **M/s. 4 Closure** at the web portal **https://bankauctions.in** & **www.foreclosureindia.com.** For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact **M/s. 4 Closure; Contact Mr. M Srinivasulru Contact Number: 8142000809. Email id: info@bankauctions.in/ srinivas@bankauctions.in.**

For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact **Jana Small Finance Bank authorized officers Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob. No.6362951653), Mr. Umesh (Mob. No.8050149617) & Mrs. Syeda (Mob. No.7400445147).** To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named Borrowers/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 28.02.2025, Place: Bangalore Rural **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

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GLOBAL WEATHER

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Beijing	7	-5	SNY	Los Angeles	20	10	SNY
Colombo	32	25	SNY	Melbourne	19	15	LC
Dhaka	31	21	SNY	Moscow	-6	-9	LS
Dubai	26	20	LR	New York	-2	-9	SNY
Houston	17	6	LR	Singapore	30	25	LR
Istanbul	7	4	LR	Toronto	-7	-17	LS
London	7	2	SNY	Washington	11	7	LC

Israeli security forces inspect a car that rammed into pedestrians south of Haifa in northern Israel on Thursday. Seven casualties were being treated at the site | AFP

US tariffs on Mexico, Canada from March 4

Prospect of broader trade conflict should other nations levy retaliatory tariffs spooks markets and consumers

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Donald Trump says he plans to impose tariffs on Canada and Mexico starting Tuesday, in addition to doubling the 10% universal tariff charged on imports from China.

Posting on Truth Social on Thursday, Trump said that illicit drugs such as fentanyl are being smuggled into the United States at "unacceptable levels" and that import taxes would force other countries to crackdown on the trafficking.

"We cannot allow this scourge to continue to harm the USA, and therefore, until it stops, or is seriously limited, the proposed TARIFFS scheduled to go into effect on MARCH FOURTH will, indeed, go into effect, as scheduled," the Republican president wrote. "China will likewise be charged an additional 10% Tariff on that date."

The prospect of escalating tariffs has already thrown the global economy into turmoil — with consumers expressing fears about inflation worsening and the auto sector possibly suffering if America's two largest trading partners in Canada and Mexico are slapped with taxes.

The potential for higher prices and slower growth could create political blowback for Trump, who promised voters in last year's presidential election that he could quickly lower the inflation rate, which jumped during President Joe Biden's term. But Trump also campaigned on imposing broad tariffs and sweeping tariffs, which he plans to launch on April 2 by resetting tariffs to match the taxes that he determines are charged by other countries on American goods.

"The April Second Reciprocal Tariff date will remain in full force and effect," Trump said as part of his Thursday social media post.

Trump indicated Wednesday that European countries would face a 25% tariff. He also wants separate tariffs on autos, computer chips and pharmaceutical drugs that would be levied in addition to the reciprocal tariffs. The president already announced that he's removing the exemptions on his 2018 steel and aluminum tariffs, in addition to planning taxes on copper imports. The prospect of a broader trade conflict should other nations follow through with their own retaliatory tariffs is already spooking U.S. consumers, potentially undermining Trump's promise to unleash stronger economic growth.

The Conference Board reported on Tuesday that its consumer confidence index had dropped 7 points to a reading of 98.3. It was the largest monthly decline since August 2021, when inflationary pressures began to reverberate across the United States as the economy recovered from the coronavirus pandemic. Average 12-month inflation expectations jumped from 5.2% to 6% in February, the Conference Board noted.

The S&P 500 index has also fallen over the past month, reversing gains that followed Trump's November presidential victory. *AP*

EU WILL DO A TIT-FOR-TAT IF TRUMP LEVIES TARIFFS, SAYS FRENCH MINISTER AT G20

Capetown: French Finance Minister Eric Lombard told AFP on Thursday that the European Union would "do the same" if the United States follows through with 25 percent tariffs announced by President Donald Trump. Trump threatened Wednesday to impose 25 percent tariffs on goods imported from the European Union. "It is clear that if the Americans maintain the tariff hikes, as President Trump announced, the EU will do the same," Lombard said in an interview on the sidelines of the G20 finance ministers meeting in Cape Town. "Even if it is not in the general interest, we too must protect our interests and the interests of the countries of the union," Lombard told AFP. Diplomats from the G7 countries spoke to US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent Thursday, telling him that "tariff wars lead to inflation, lower growth and are not a solution", Lombard said. Bessent did not travel to Cape Town for the G20 talks, but attended the G7 meeting virtually. "Minister Bessent told us that negotiations would start on April 2," Lombard said, adding the EU would "represent the European countries to reach a fair agreement".

President Donald Trump is planning a 20% tariff on Chinese goods too

In jolt to ceasefire talks, Israel not pulling out of Gaza

TEL AVIV

ISRAEL will not withdraw from a strategic corridor in the Gaza Strip as called for by the ceasefire, an official said Thursday. Israel's refusal could spark a crisis with Hamas and key mediator Egypt at a sensitive moment for the fragile truce.

Hours earlier, Hamas released the remains of four hostages in exchange for over 600 Palestinian prisoners, the last planned swap of the ceasefire's first phase, which ends this weekend. Talks over the second and more difficult stage are yet to begin. Much could hinge on a visit by US President Donald Trump's Mideast envoy, Steve Witkoff, who is expected in the region in the coming days.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a brief statement that he was sending negotiators to Cairo, without providing further details. The Israeli official, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with regulations, said the army needed to remain in the so-called Philadelphi corridor, on the Gaza side of the border with Egypt, to prevent smuggling of weapons.

Separately, Defense Minister Israel Katz said at a meeting with local leaders that he had seen tunnels penetrating the border on a recent visit to the corridor, without providing evidence or elaborating on Israel's plans. Egypt says it destroyed the smuggling tunnels from its side years ago and set up a military buffer zone to halt smuggling.

Hamas said any Israeli attempt to maintain a buffer zone in the corridor would be a "blatant violation" of the ceasefire agreement. The militant group says that sticking to the agreement is the only way for Israel to secure the release of dozens of hostages still held in Gaza.

Israel is supposed to begin withdrawing from the Philadelphi corridor on Saturday, the last day of the first phase, and complete it within eight days. There was no immediate comment from Egypt.

ASIA MATTERS

THAILAND

40 UYGHURS DEPORTED TO CHINA

A group of Uyghur men detained in Thailand for more than a decade have been deported to China, the Chinese embassy in Thailand confirmed Thursday. The men, last month, made a public appeal to halt the deportation, saying they faced imprisonment and possible death in China. The Chinese embassy said the men had been detained in Thailand for more than 10 years due to 'complicated international factors.' Several Thai lawmakers and international officials had urged Thailand to halt the deportation, warning it would amount to a serious rights abuse.

MALAYSIA

CONGESTION FEE IN THREE CITIES

Motorists in three major Malaysian cities – including Johor Bahru – may have to pay congestion charges should a proposal currently being studied by the federal government get the green light. On Thursday Minister Zaliha Mustafa said Johor Bahru, Kuala Lumpur and Penang's George Town are the three cities identified for a rollout.

INDONESIA

CYBER PATROL TO VET NEGATIVE CONTENT

Indonesia's Ministry of Communication and Digital Affairs has set up a 24-hour cyber patrol to monitor and analyze negative information and content in the online realm. The Ministry's Director of Strategy and Policy for Digital Space Supervision, Muchtarul Huda, stated that the cyber patrol aims to prevent spread of negative information and content. The negative information and content being analyzed are varied, especially those related to child pornography, which is an urgent violation, Huda said, while seeking optimal cooperation among stakeholders.

Remnants of a damaged apartment building after a Russian guided aircraft bomb attack in Kostiantynivka, Donetsk region, Ukraine on Thursday | AP

Russia says no debates on annexed Ukraine land

MOSCOW

THE Kremlin on Thursday ruled out giving back Ukrainian regions it claims to have annexed as part of a future peace deal, setting out a major red line as Russian and US officials met in Istanbul for a new round of talks aimed at normalising relations.

US President Donald Trump has pushed for a quick end to the three-year conflict since taking office last month, reaching out to Russian President Vladimir Putin in a stunning shift in US foreign policy.

The Istanbul talks come after a high-level meeting in Saudi Arabia earlier this month, and aim at restoring diplomatic ties after embassy staff on both sides were expelled under the Joe Biden administration.

Putin said Thursday that contacts with the United States gave "some hope" of resolving the conflict, but his spokesman cautioned giving up any annexed Ukrainian land as "non-negotiable".

"The territories which have become subjects of the Russian Federation are an inseparable part of our country," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters. "This is undeniable and non-negotiable," he said in a phone briefing attended by AFP. Months after launching its full-scale offensive in February 2022, Russia declared the annexation of four southern and eastern Ukrainian regions — Donetsk, Lugansk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson. It annexed the Crimean peninsula in 2014. Russian forces control Donetsk and Lugansk region and parts of the Kharkiv region in northeast Ukraine.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has conceded his army lacks resources to reclaim those territories, but says some captured land could be returned through diplomacy. Zelensky is due to meet Trump on Friday. *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

Islamic extremist charged in knife attack

Berlin: Germany's top prosecutor has charged a suspected Islamic extremist with murder, attempted murder and membership in a terrorist organisation abroad in connection with a deadly knife attack last year in the western German city of Solingen. The August 24 violence left three dead and 10 wounded. IS later claimed responsibility for the attack, without providing evidence.

JAILED KURDISH LEADER URGES PKK TO DISARM

Istanbul: Imprisoned Kurdish leader Abdullah Ocalan called on his militant group Thursday to lay down its arms and dissolve as part of a new bid to end a four-decade long conflict that has claimed tens of thousands of lives. In a message from his prison on an island off Istanbul, Ocalan said the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, should hold a congress and decide to disband. "Convene your congress and make a decision. All groups must lay their arms and the PKK must dissolve itself," Ocalan said. The announcement is part of a new effort for peace between PKK and the Turkish state initiated in October by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's coalition partner, Devlet Bahceli.

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Retired USAID worker Donato Corsini carries personal belongings after retrieving them from USAID's headquarters in Washington Thursday. The Trump administration had given USAID workers a 15-minute window to clear out their offices | AP

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is intending to purchase all that immovable property described in the Schedule hereunder written, for a valuable sale price from (1) Mr. A.R. SWAMY, aged about 63 years, son of Mr. A. Ashwath narayana Setty (2) Mrs. A. KALPANA SWAMY, aged about 59 years, wife of Mr. A.R. Swamy, both are residing at No.639, 8th B Main, 2nd Block, 3rd Stage, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru-560 079, who have jointly represented to my client that they are the absolute joint owners of the Schedule property.

The General public are hereby notified that any person/s having any share, claims, right, title, interest or any objection/s and/or opposing the sale transaction in whatsoever manner may lodge his/her/their objection/s with relevant documentary proof in writing to the undersigned within FIFTEEN DAYS from the date of this publication, failing which it will be presumed that no other person has any claim, right, title or interest over the Schedule property and my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable property being residentially converted site (converted by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District vide Official Memorandum B.DIS/ALN/SR (N)/103/2002-03, dated 27.05.2003) bearing No.154, Old Katha No.989, later Katha No.1258, now bearing BBMP E-katha property No.1258/790/154, new BBMP E-PID No.2122105183, formed in Survey No.14/4, situated at Raghavendra Layout, Gidada Konenahalli Halli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, coming within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Ward No.72, Herohalli Sub-division, Bengaluru, measuring East to West towards Northern side 49.6 feet, towards Southern side 40 feet, North to South towards Eastern side 84.6 feet, towards Western side 104 feet, in all measuring a total extent of 4,217 square feet and bounded on the East by: Site bearing No.153, West by: 30 feet wide Road, North by : 60 feet wide Road; andon the South by : Site bearing No.155 and the Schedule property consisting of a ground + 2 floor building each floor having 30 squares, in all 90 squares building

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Place : Bengaluru
Date :27.02.2025

11 dead, 65 injured after blast at Congo rebels' rally

BUKAVU, CONGO

AT least 11 people were killed and 65 injured Thursday after two explosions hit a meeting of M23 rebel group leaders and residents in the captured city of Bukavu in eastern Congo.

Video and photos shared on social media on Thursday showed a crowd fleeing the meeting in Bukavu in panic and bloodied bodies on the ground.

Leaders of the M23 rebel group were meeting residents when the explosions occurred in the central part of Bukavu.

Among the rebel leaders present was Corneille Nangaa, leader of the Congo River Alliance (AFC), which includes the M23.

The leaders, including Nangaa, were leaving the podium when two blasts rocked the scene, according to a journalist present at the meeting.

Rwandan-backed M23 rebels have swept through the region seizing key cities and killing some 3,000 people. In a lightning three-week offensive, the M23 took control of eastern Congo's main city Goma and seized the second largest city, Bukavu.

The rebels are supported by about 4,000 troops from neighbouring Rwanda, according to UN experts, and at times have vowed to march as far as Congo's capital, Kinshasa, over 1,600 kilometres away. Rwanda has accused Congo of enlisting ethnic Hutu fighters responsible for the 1994 genocide in Rwanda of minority Tutsis and moderate Hutus. M23 says it's fighting to protect Tutsis and Congolese of Rwandan origin. *AP*

1930-2025

Gene Hackman, wife and dog found dead at home

LOS ANGELES

GENE Hackman, the prolific Oscar-winning actor whose studied portraits ranged from reluctant heroes to conniving villains and made him one of the industry's most respected and honored performers, has been found dead along with his wife and their pet dog at their home. He was 95.

Hackman was a frequent and versatile presence on screen from the 1960s until his retirement. His dozens of films included Academy Award favorites "The French Connection" and "Unforgiven," a breakout performance in "Bonnie and Clyde," a classic bit of farce in "Young Frankenstein," a turn as the comic book villain Lex Luthor in "Superman" and the title character in Wes Anderson's 2001 "The Royal Tenenbaums."

Actor Gene Hackman with his wife, Betsy Arakawa, a classical pianist, whom he married in 1991

He seemed capable of any kind of role — whether an uptight buffoon in "Birdcage," a college coach finding redemption in the sentimental favorite "Hoosiers" or a secretive surveillance expert in Francis Ford Coppola's Watergate-era release "The Conversation."

"Gene Hackman a great actor, inspiring and magnificent in his work and complexity," Coppola said on Instagram. "I mourn his loss, and celebrate his existence and contribution."

Although self-effacing and unfashionable, Hackman held special status within Hollywood — heir to Spencer Tracy as an everyman, actor's actor, curmudgeon and reluctant celebrity. He embodied the ethos of doing his job, doing it very well, and letting others worry about his image. Beyond the obligatory appearances at awards ceremonies, he was rarely seen on the social circuit and made no secret of his disdain for the business side of show business.

In 1956, Hackman married Fay Maltese, a bank teller he had met at a YMCA dance in New York. They had a son, Christopher, and two daughters, Elizabeth and Leslie, but divorced in the mid-1980s. In 1991 he married Betsy Arakawa, a classical pianist.

When not on film locations, Hackman enjoyed painting, stunt flying, stock car racing and deep sea diving. In his latter years, he wrote novels and lived on his ranch in Sante Fe, New Mexico, on a hilltop looking out on the Colorado Rockies, a view he preferred to his films that popped up on television. "Actors tend to be shy people," he told Film Comment in 1988. *AP*

Market Watch

MARKET		GOLD			SILVER		FOREX	
10.31 ▲	Sensex 74,612.43	₹440 ▼	24 carat (10 gm)	₹87,530	1 kg ₹106,000	▲	Dollar	87.21
2.50 ▼	Nifty 22,545.05	₹400 ▼	22 carat (10 gm)	₹80,250	10 gm ₹1,060	▲	Euro	91.31

Buch's Sebi tenure has more hits than misses

Tenure marked by focus on enhancing market integrity, investor protection, regulatory efficiency, extensive use of tech

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

MADHABI PURI BUCH, the first woman and the first person from private sector to head markets watchdog Sebi, will leave the corner room of the Sebi Bhawan in BKC on Friday.

An IIM-A alumni, Buch has had more hits than misses when it comes to regulatory achievements that she continued to discharge even after being hit by a volley of allegations by the New York-based short-seller Hindenburg in August 2024 of conflict of interests and excessive control over the Sebi staff. As per the allegations, Sebi allegedly favoured those companies with which her husband Dhaval has had commercial interests.

Apart from the controversies, the tenure of Buch, who was appointed as the 12th chairperson of the Sebi 0n February 28, 2022, for a three-year term, was marked by a focus on enhancing market integrity, investor protection, and regulatory efficiency and extensive use of technology. Her prior experience as a whole-time Sebi member helped her frame more regulatory norms during her chairpersonship to advance regulatory mission, reforming norms to improve market transparency, easing of pain of doing business and strengthening investor confidence.

Regulatory gains

Buch saw the market peaking as well as bleeding for five consecutive months, making the October 2024-February 2025 period as the second-worst losing streak since 1995 meltdown —Nifty was down 14.2% from its peak of 26,277 and Sensex was down 13.23% from its peak of 85,978 touched in late September. This is despite tightening the market. From a regulatory angle, one of her biggest step was taming the bull-run in derivative space by retail investors, despite opposition from the market after its own studies found on average a retail investor was losing ₹1.25 lakh per annum. Since curbs came into force from November 2024, F&O volume fell 50%. Another step was launching ₹250-SIPs, satchetising retail investments.

She ensured brokers are cleaner when comes to hidden charges and accessing clients funds. Last March, she said: "Sebi will allow another Karvy-like situation only over their dead bodies." When Karvy took place she was whole-time member. As chair she tightened norms to make it almost impossible for brokers to access client funds and stocks. She increased transparency in market by directing exchanges to charge brokers uniformly irrespective of volumes or nature of service . She cut short time for rights issues to 20 days from 165.

Regulatory Misses

Among the biggest losses of face for Sebi in its regulatory power is the admission at SAT that there was no case in the NSE colocation issue. Of course Sebi has never won a serious case so far, barring against the Sahara group's unauthorised fund collection. But Sebi has never gone to the court or the appellate body in its 38 years sating that there was no case at all in the first place!

A big miss was her inability to close the Supreme Court ordered Sebi probe against Adani group companies after Hindenburg had in January 2023 alleged that the group was into rigging share prices and round-tripping funds and many other unfair practices.

Another low was public protests by senior Sebi officials against her after the Hindenburg allegations.

Buch has had more hits than misses when it comes to regulatory achievements

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HANGS UP BOOTS

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SHE WAS HIT BY A VOLLEY OF ALLEGATIONS BY NEW YORK-BASED SHORT-SELLER HINDENBURG IN AUGUST 2024 OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS AND EXCESSIVE CONTROL OVER SEBI STAFF

Tuhin Kanta Pandey appointed new chairman of Sebi

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE government has appointed finance and revenue secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey as the new chairman of the capital market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi).

He has been appointed as the Sebi chief initially for a period of three years from the date of assumption of charge.

Pandey, a 1987-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Odisha cadre, will be taking over the reins of Sebi from Madhabi Puri Buch, who will be demitting office on February 28, 2025.

The past two months have been very 'unsettling' for Pandey, who was quietly implementing the government's disinvestment policies till the first week of January 2025. Three weeks before the Budget, Pandey was called in as a replacement for Arunish Chawla to head the revenue department, where he oversaw one of the biggest Budget announcements of the year – the big tax relief to the common man.

Pandey will join in Mumbai his predecessor, former revenue secretary Sanjay Malhotra, who was appointed the RBI governor in December last year.

Before his shift to the North Block, Pandey held the charge of Secretary of three Departments -- Department of Investment & Public Asset Management (DIPAM), since October 24, 2019, Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) since August 1, 2024 and Department of Personnel and Training since November 4, 2024. Both the DIPAM and DPE function under the Ministry of Finance.

A Masters in Economics from Panjab University, Chandigarh and an MBA from the University of Birmingham (UK), Pandey has also held many significant positions in the Union government and Government of Odisha, in addition to serving a stint in the Regional Office of the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO).

In the Union government, his previous positions include joint secretary, Planning Commission (now NITI Aayog), joint secretary, Cabinet Secretariat and deputy secretary in the Ministry of Commerce.

Pandey served as administrative head in the Departments of Health, General Administration, Commercial Taxes, Transport and Finance in the Odisha government.

He also served as Executive Director of Odisha State Finance Corporation and Managing Director of Odisha Small Industries Corporation.

IT JOBS

Most employees in IT roles not happy with pay

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

AT least 47% of employees are unhappy with their current salaries in India as they cite low increments and unfulfilled expectations, and 77% of professionals anticipate significant salary growth in their industry.

The highest dissatisfaction is among entry-level professionals with 0-3 years of experience and, IT roles made up the largest share of dissatisfaction (26%). Jobs platform foundit in its survey revealed evolving employee perceptions regarding salaries and appraisal expectations. This survey comes at a time when employees across various industries are awaiting their appraisals and IT companies have announced only single-digit hikes for its employees.

Over the past three years, 59% of professionals saw only minimal salary growth and this indicates slow wage progression for a majority. Only in select roles there have been major salary rise and 13% reported no change in salary, and this highlights stagnation for a small segment of the workforce.

When it comes to expectations, 35% of professionals expect only a minimal hike (0–10%), 29% anticipate a moderate growth (11–20%) increment and 14% predict a significant raise (21–30%). Interestingly, employees who are in the early and junior career stages are optimistic about high appraisal as 22% expect a 30% hike. Entry-level professionals remain the most optimistic, with 35% predicting moderate to significant growth, particularly in the IT-Software (20%) and BFSI (17%) sectors.

IPO-bound Ather expands testing facility in B'luru

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

ELECTRIC two-wheeler maker Ather Energy has expanded its R&D (research and development) and testing capabilities at its product testing and validation centre, called The Juggernaut in Bengaluru. Including this, Ather has three R&D facilities in the city.

Swapnil Jain, Co-founder & CTO, Ather Energy, on Thursday said, "When we think about product validation, we think about testing, quality. It is not enough to have just high-quality products, you have to build products at a rapid pace as well." "My vision for the lab is that it is not enough to test it, I want to test it at a rapid pace," he said, adding testing should not slow down product development, should enable it and products should hit markets rapidly.

With multi-stress factor testing and a feedback loop from field data to test cases, Ather aims to continuously refine its validation processes to improve real-world performance. The co-founder said everything is automated now and all the reports reach engineers immediately. "With the expansion of The Juggernaut, we are scaling up testing capacity & capabilities, enabling us to accelerate innovation and product development," he added. Jain said the company has made major investments in R&D over the years and 48% of the total employees work in R&D. The EV manufactuer's investment in R&D stood at ₹236.5 crore in FY24, and filed 345 patents.

Founded in 2013 by Tarun Mehta and Swapnil Jain, in 2018, Ather launched its electric scooter, Ather 450, followed by Ather 450X in 2020. Ather's first family scooter, Rizta, was launched in April 2024. Backed by Sachin Bansal, Hero MotoCorp, and Tiger Global, among others, Ather entered unicorn club after securing $71.5 million in Series-E round in August last year. Ather currently has two manufacturing plants in Hosur, Tamil Nadu, one each for vehicle assembly and battery manufacturing and an upcoming manufacturing facility in Bidkin, AURIC, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, Maharashtra.

MFs asked to deploy NFO funds within 30 days' time

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has cut short the fund deployment time for mutual funds to 30 days raised through new fund offers (NFOs) and has also relaxed regulations regarding the alignment of interests between asset management companies' (AMC) employees and unitholders.

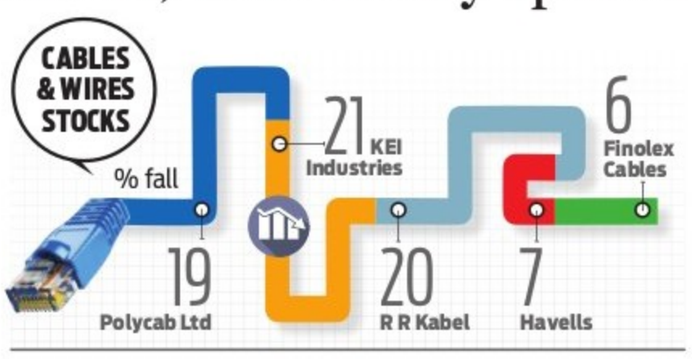
The market watchdog has also mandated disclosure of stress-testing for all mutual fund schemes to provide increased transparency for investors, apart from measures to prevent mis-selling of new schemes by making distributors eligible only for the lower of the two commissions offered under the two schemes involved in a switch transaction, the regulator said in a circular issued on Thursday.

The regulator said the purpose of the new rule is to establish a timeframe for fund managers to utilise the funds raised through an NFO according to the specified asset allocation of the scheme. The new rules now allow investors to exit a scheme sans any exit load if the fund manager is unable to deploy the fund within the specified timeline.

These measures, approved by Sebi board on Wednesday, are aimed at improving operational flexibility for mutual funds while also enhancing accountability and trust among investors, the Sebi said. In terms of deployment timelines, Sebi has specified that fund managers must invest funds collected through an NFO according to the predetermined asset allocation of the scheme, typically within a 30-day timeframe.

UltraTech's cables, wires entry sparks mkt turmoil

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi



THE entry of UltraTech, the flagship cement company of the Aditya Birla Group, into the cables and wires (C&W) business has triggered a sharp decline in the shares of existing players in the market.

Analysts believe that India's largest cement manufacturer will have a significant advantage in establishing itself in this sector, benefiting from its extensive distribution network and the ability to source raw materials efficiently within the group. On Thursday, shares of major C&W companies plummeted: Polycab Ltd dropped 19% to ₹4,677, KEI Industries crashed over 21% to ₹2,989, and R R Kabel fell 20% to ₹892. Finolex Cables and Havells also saw declines of 6% and 7%, respectively.

Vishnu Kant Upadhyay, AVP – research & advisory at Master Capital Services, noted that UltraTech's entry could disrupt the historically stable C&W sector. "This might hurt the prospects for the current competitors. Additionally, UltraTech might be in a stronger position to purchase raw materials from group companies like Hindalco, such as copper and aluminium," added Upadhyay.

He said in this market, no single company controls over 15% of the wires and 20% of the cables. "In the medium run, Ultratech Cement's arrival is anticipated to have a minor effect on C&W industry volumes and profitability as it will take a few years for UltraTech's factory to start up," said Upadhyay.

UltraTech announced on Tuesday its plans to enter the C&W business with a capital expenditure of ₹1,800 crore over the next two years. The company will set up a manufacturing plant near Bharuch, Gujarat, which is expected to be operational by December 2026.

However, UltraTech's shares also fell by 5% on Thursday, reflecting investor concerns over its shift from being a pure-play cement company. Analysts argue that this move could dilute its core identity in the cement sector. The cables and wires industry has grown at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of about 13% between FY19 and FY24, driven by the shift from unorganized to organized markets. Despite this robust outlook, UltraTech's entry has raised concerns about increased competition and potential pressure on sector profitability.

Global brokerage firm Citi said UltraTech's foray into W&C segment is small in the overall context and could hurt its positioning as a cement pure play. CLSA said UltraTech will focus more on wires over cables and its foray will increase competition in the industry which may dent profitability of the sector. This isn't the first time Aditya Birla Group has shaken up a sector. Its entry into paint business in February 2024 initially impacted shares of established players like Asian Paints and Kansai Nerolac Paints.

IKEA enters north India mkt with online delivery

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

SIX years after launching its first store in Hyderabad, Swedish furniture giant IKEA has entered the north Indian markets by introducing online delivery services across Delhi-NCR and nine satellite cities, including Agra, Prayagraj (Allahabad), Amritsar, Chandigarh, Jaipur, Kanpur, Lucknow, Ludhiana, and Varanasi. Starting March 1, customers in these regions will have access to IKEA's extensive range of over 7,000 products.

"As we continue to strengthen our omni-channel growth in the country, this launch in Delhi-NCR and other markets will be a strong foundation for our future growth in the region," said Susanne Pulverer, CEO & chief sustainability officer, IKEA India. Ingka Centres, part of Ingka Group that operates IKEA retail, is investing about 1 billion Euro to establish two new centres under 'Lykli' brand in Gurugram and Noida. The Gurugram centre is set to open in 2026, followed by Noida in the subsequent years. Additionally, IKEA plans to open smaller retail outlets in Delhi to cater to local market.

Currently, IKEA operates stores in Hyderabad, Mumbai, and Bengaluru, with online delivery available across 62 districts in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Gujarat. The company's next phase of expansion includes opening physical stores in Chennai and Pune, followed by smaller-format stores and a continued focus on its omni-channel strategy.

Pulverer said IKEA's commitment to further investments in India, with profitability expected post-expansion. In 2013, the Indian government approved IKEA's FDI proposal of ₹10,500 crore to set up 10 stores and allied infrastructure over a decade. "We are in dialogue with the government. The investments committed are booked up with the two big investments in Noida and Gurugram," she added. Ikea India reported a loss of nearly 1,300 crore in FY24, as per a filing with the Registrar of Companies. Revenue from operations rise by 4.5% to ₹1,810 crore for the fiscal ending March 31, 2024, slowest growth in six years.

Bhavana Jaiswal, IKEA India's e-commerce head, said the importance of north Indian market, calling it the largest home furnishing market in India. "We expect our entry to significantly boost sales," she said. Currently, 30% of IKEA's sales in India come from online channels, with remaining 70% from offline stores.

Jaiswal anticipates a 25-30% growth in online sales post their entry into the Northern market, with the potential for online contributions to exceed 40% pan-India in the future.

Jaiswal attributed the slower sales growth in FY 2023-24 to the lack of new store openings. "Last fiscal year, we didn't open any new stores, which impacted growth compared to FY 2022-23 when we launched stores in Bengaluru and Worli (Mumbai)," she explained.

Govt to launch 1st tranche of mineral block licence bid

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE government will launch the first tranche auction of exploration licence for blocks in March 2025, said Minister of Coal and Mines G Kishan Reddy on Thursday. This development comes after an amendment to the MMDR Act in 2023, which enabled the grant of exploration licences for critical and deep-seated minerals through auction.

Speaking at a press conference in New Delhi, Reddy said Assam, Jammu & Kashmir, and Kerala will soon join the mineral auction regime, expanding the mineral auction map of India to 17 states.

This move is expected to boost India's self-reliance in critical minerals, where the country is currently import-dependent. The Geological Survey of India (GSI) undertook 438 exploration projects in the 2024-25 field season, including 195 critical mineral projects, marking a major increase from 360 projects (127 critical mineral projects) in 2023-24. Advanced technologies like heliborne geophysical surveys, AI/ML tools, and drones were deployed to enhance data acquisition and mineral discovery. For the 2025-26 season, GSI plans to take on 450 projects, including 227 critical mineral projects.

The Mineral Exploration Corporation (MECL) saw a 35% rise in exploratory drilling, boosting operational efficiency. MECL handed over 33 geological reports in 2024, strengthening the National Mineral Inventory. The National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) approved 146 exploration and procurement projects worth ₹712 crore between January 1, 2024, and January 31, 2025.

EXPRESS READ

AI flight connection time from UK reduced

NEW DELHI: Air India on Thursday said connection time for passengers taking flights from the UK and the rest of Europe to Australia and South East Asia via India has reduced to two-and-a-half hours. "The optimised flight schedule makes AI flights among fastest for travel between Europe and Australia, South-East Asia, with transit times at Air India's hubs in Delhi and Mumbai," the airline said in a release. *ENS*

Domestic air traffic rises 11% in January

NEW DELHI: Domestic air traffic grew 11.28% to 1.46 crore in January compared to the year-ago period, according to official data. IndiGo saw its market share climb to 65.2% while that of Air India Group declined to 25.7% last month. Akasa Air and SpiceJet saw their respective market share increased to 4.7% and 3.2%. Last month, the overall cancellation rate of scheduled domestic airlines stood at 1.62%. *ENS*

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

Cox Town Branch
Bengaluru

Possession Notice [Section 13(4)]

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorised Officer, Canara Bank of the under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **25.11.2024** calling upon the borrower **(1) Mr Anthony Leanard Yerrick** S/o Anthony Yerrick , Residing at No 27, 1st Cross Kanakadasa Layout Lingarajapuram Bengalore 560084 **(2) Mrs. Marry I** W/o Anthony Leanard Yerrick Residing at No 27, 1st Cross Kanakadasa Layout Lingarajapuram Bengalore 560084 **(3) Mrs Sagaya Mary Residing at** No 27, 1st Cross Kanakadasa Layout Lingarajapuram Bengalore 560084 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs. 4,57,848.86** (Rupees Four Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Forthy Eight and Paise Eight Six Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **27th day of February, the year 2025.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Canara Bank Cox Town Branch for an amount of **Rs. 4,57,848.86** and interest thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Sl No.	Description of the Immovable assets	Name of Title Holder
1.	All that piece and parcel of property bearing No. 27 comprised in No. 27 comprised in No 28/3, in katha No.18, New Corporation No.6, situated at Lingarajpuram Village, KasabaHobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Measuring East to West: Northern Side : 45 feet; Southern Side : 41 feet; North to South: Eastern Side : 35 feet; Western Side : 40 feet; in all measuring 1612.5 Sq.ft And bounded as follows on: East by: 30 feet wide Road West by: Site No 28, North by: Site No 30, South by: Site N0 25, Together with 2 square ACC Sheet roofed House with amenities.	Mrs Mary I. W/o Anthony Learned Yerrick

Date:27-02-2025
Place: Bangalore
Sd/-
Authorised Officer

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda

Bank of Baroda
RBI Layout Branch

No.472, 80 Feet Road, RBI Layout, JP Nagar, 7th Phase, Bangalore, Karnataka-78.
Ph.No. 080-26851616, E-mail: VJRBI@bankofbaroda.co.in

NOTICE TO BORROWER
(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

Place: RBI Layout
Date: 15.02.2025

To,
(1) Mr. Sunil S, No.5, 4th Cross, Munireddy Layout, Kothanur, J P Nagar 8th Phase, Bangalore, Karnataka-560076.

Dear Sir/s,

Re: Credit facilities with our RBI Layout Branch.

We refer to letter **No. ROBS/CD/MA/98/2017-18 dated 27.11.2017** conveying sanction of various credit facilities and the terms of sanction. Pursuant to the above sanction, you have availed and started utilizing the credit facilities after providing security for the same, as hereinafter stated. The present outstanding in various loan/credit facility accounts and the security interests created for such liability are as under:

Nature and type of facility	Limit (Rs.)	Rates of Interest	O/s as on 13.02.2025 (inclusive of interest up to 13.02.2025)	Security agreement with brief description of securities (please mention the details of security agreements and details of mortgaged property including total area and boundaries)
Staff Housing Loan 74680600 000548	Rs. 50,00,000/-	6.00% p.a. at present	Rs. 58,05,231/-	All that piece and parcel of Residential property No. 1403, formed by BDA, 11th Block, Anjanapura, Further Extension Bangalore-560076 ,measuring East to West 9.00 meters and North to South 6.00 meters, totally measuring 54.00 sq meters along with building consisting of ground floor, first floor and second floor and built up area in each floor approximately 3 squares with rcc roofing, vitrified tiles, doors and windows of jungle wood with all civic amenities and same is bounded: East by: Private Property, West by: Road, North by: Site No.1402, South by: Site No. 1404.

(2) In the letter of acknowledgment of debt dated nil you have acknowledged your liability to the Bank to the tune of nil (date). The outstanding stated above include further drawings and interest upto 13.02.2025. Other charges debited to the account are Rs. Nil.

(3) As you are aware, you have committed defaults in payment of interest on above loans/ outstandings for the quarter ended **September 2024.** You have also failed to make the required payments for the instalments of the term loan/demand loans that became due thereafter.

(4) Consequent upon the defaults committed by you, your loan account has been classified as non-performing asset on **04.12.2024** in accordance with the Reserve Bank of India directives and guidelines. In spite of our repeated requests and demands you have not repaid the overdue loans including interest thereon.

(5) Having regard to your inability to meet your liabilities in respect of the credit facilities duly secured by various securities mentioned in para 1 above, and classification of your account as a non-performing asset, we hereby give you notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and call upon you to pay in full and discharge your liabilities to the Bank aggregating **Rs.58,05,231/-** as stated in para 1 above, within 60 days from the date of this notice. We further give you notice that failing payment of the above amount with interest till the date of payment, we shall be free to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, which please note.

(6) Please note that, interest will continue to accrue at the rates specified in para 1 above for each credit facility until payment in full.

(7) We invite your attention to sub-section 13 of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are barred from transferring any of the secured assets referred to in para 1 above by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business),without obtaining our prior written consent. We may add that non-compliance with the above provision contained in section 13 (13) of the said Act, is an offence punishable under section 29 of the Act.

(8) We further invite your attention to sub section (8) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you may redeem the secured assets, if the amount of dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is tendered by you, at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction/ inviting quotations/ tender/ private treaty. Please note that after publication of the notice as above, your right to redeem the secured assets will not be available.

Please note that this demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which we may have, including without limitation, the right to make further demands in respect of sums owing to us.

Date : 26.02.2025
Place : Bengaluru
Sd/-
Authorised Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client **Puneeth M alias Olle Huduga Pratham** has got an interim order stay before the Hon'ble Court Of Bengaluru in OS No.1342/2025 against any person publishing any defamatory video or statement against our client, legal action will be taken against person violating the said order.

BHARATH GOWDA B R
Advocate
No. 1135, 1st Floor, BEML layout, Rajajareshwari Nagar, Bengaluru-560098

PUBLIC NOTICE

This Notice to the public at large i.e., any person, financier or any bank is hereby informed that my Son **Mr. Vinayaka G. D.** has decided to purchase the **Schedule Property** which is owned by **Mr. Neeraj Kumar** by Sale Deed **Dt. 01-07-2019** and is ready to execute the Sale Deed in favour of my Son.

If any person is having any Rights Title Claims or Objections in any manner to purchase the Schedule Property by my Son shall furnish the same along with Documents if any within 10 days to the under signed otherwise my Son will proceed to get the Sale Deed Registered in his favor.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

The Residential Building consisting of Ground Plus Three Upper Floors constructed over **Site No.41** measuring 30ft. X 40ft. with Khatha No.26/3/41 Carved out of DC Converted Land bearing Sy. No. 26/3 situated at **2nd Cross G. Ramaiah Enclave Chikkabettahalli Village Yelahanka Hobli Bengaluru North Taluk** which comes under BBMP Ward No.3- Attur which is bounded on the:

East by : Building No.42
West by : Building No.40
North by : Road
South by : Site No. 16

G.S.Dakshinamurthy, Advocate
Roll No. KAR163/1986
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NOTICE

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*This is applicable to all Open (Domestic/Global) Tenders issued thorugh e-procurement portal of CIL.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of Chief Health Officer (Public Health), BBMP Head Office, Ground Floor, Annex-2 Building, N.R. Square, Bengaluru- 560 002.

No.:BBMP/2024-25/IND0079 **Date:27.02.2025**

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal Only)

BBMP invites tenders from eligible tenderers for **"Procurement of LED TV 43 Inches for Namma Clinics - 100 Nos".**

Tender Reference No.	**BBMP/2024-25/IND0079/Call-3**
Date of Commencement of downloading the tenderdocuments from KPP portal	**from 27.02.2025 onwards.**
Date, Time & Venue of Pre-bid Meeting:	**01.03.2025 at 11.00 a.m.** at Office of the Special Commissioner, (Health), 3rd Floor, Annex-3 Building, N.R. Square, Bangalore - 560 002.
Last date and time for uploading online queries in KPP Portal.	**01.03.2025 upto 5.00 p.m.**
Last date and time for uploading the tenders in KPP Portal.	**06.03.2025 upto 5.00 p.m.**
Date of Opening of technical bids in KPP Portal.	**07.03.2025 at 5.10 p.m.**
Date and time of Demonstration of Sample Submission	**Shall be intimated after technical bid opening**

Further details can be obtained from the KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Chief Health Officer (Public Health).

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **SHATAJ BEGUM SHAFEEK,** W/O Shafeek, aged about 68 years, permanent resident of No.2, E B Road, Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu 620002, now residing at Veerapillai Street, Bangalore - 560001, my property original Sale Deed bearing document No. 4747/1965 dated 20/12/1965, volume: 1395 has been lost while travelling by bus nearby Shivajinagar Bus Stand, I could not trace out the same by my best efforts of search. In this regard I have lodged the complaint through online on 24/02/2025 lost report No. 1493928/2025 dated: 24/02/2025. If anyone found the aforesaid original document, kindly contact within 7 days from the date this publication at the address given below.

SHATAJ BEGUM SHAFEEK,
resident of No.2, E B Road,
Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu 620002,
now residing at Veerapillai Street,
Bangalore - 560001,

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that my client **Mrs Shanthamma D/o Hanumappa,** Residing at No. 185, Bannappa Colony, Near Yellamma Temple Yamaluru Bangalore 560 037. Is absolute owner of the schedule property. My client intended to raise the funds in respect of the schedule property. The schedule Property was transferred by **GIFT DEED** from **Mr Hanumappa S/o Late Muniswamappa** in the year 2006, Date 26.04.2006 through Gift Deed registered before the sub registrar office Bangalore South Taluk, vide registered no BAS-1-02126-2006-07, stored in CD No BASD237, Book 1, dated 26.04.2006, If Anyone Person/s, firm/ company / institution / organization or establishment, is/are having any right, title, interest, claim, share, or objections in respect of schedule property hereby required / request to intimate in writing to the undersigned advocate or may contact the undersigned advocate with documentary proof, within **7 days** hereof, and An claim made after the stipulated period, will not be considered, it will be presumed that there is/are no claims and will not be valid, same shall be null & void, such person/s shall be considered as waived and not binding on my Client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Vacant Plot property bearing **site No 1A,** Katha No 43, Situated at **Yamalur Village (Bannappa Colony), Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk** comes under Mahadepur Municipality. Measuring East to West 38Feet & north to South 25½ Feet in all measuring **969 Sqfeet, East by : 6 feet road, West by : Shamanna Property, North by : Krishnappa Property, South by : Site No.1.**

B. Shubhakar BA LL.B.,
Advocate
#601, Old Police Station Road,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **1). Sri. Narayanaswamy B. S/o Late Beesappa, 2). Sri. Muniraju S/o Late Beesappa,** Petitioner no. 1 & 2 are Rlat, Beerasandra Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist, we have filed petition for death certificate of petitioner's mother **Byamma D/o Late. Beesappa, died on 20-09-2002.** residence at, Beerasandra Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangaluru Rural Dist., If any dispute, objection, regarding the same can appear before the 2nd Additional Civil Judge and J.M.F.C. at, Devanahalli and **date 24/3/2025 at hearing on at, 11 A.M. in C. Mis. No. 507/2024.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
K. Manjunath, Advocate

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I AT BANGALORE

BSNL Building,Telephone House , 4th Floor, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore -560 001
O.A. No.3/2024

Between: Canara Bank (Syndicate Bank), Amarjyothinagar Branch, Bengaluru- 560 040. **...Applicant**

And

M/s Sri Vasavi Enterprises
And Another **....Defendant**

SUMMONS / NOTICE ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against the Defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.23,11,373-74** (Rupees Twenty-three Lakhs Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-three and paise Seventy-four Only), together with current and future interest and other relief/s.

Take notice that you are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this Summons or on **25/03/2025** at 10:30 AM in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted. Take notice of interim relief sought. Take notice that in case of default, the application/ interlocutory application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **10th** day of **February 2025.** Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-1 , Bangalore

To: **1) M/s. Sri Vasavi Enterprises,**
No. 79, 2nd Cross, Kalika Nagar,
Andarahalli Road, Peenya,
Bengaluru – 560 058.
2)Smt. Mala. N. W/o. Nagaraj. K,
Aged about 49 years, R/o No. 139, 6th Cross, Chandrappa Layout, M.S. Palya,
Bengaluru - 560 097

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE XI ADDL. DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE (DEDICATED COMMERCIAL COURT) BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT BANGALORE
III Floor, BSNL Building, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560 001.

COMM OS No. 99/2023

BETWEEN : **Union Bank of India**
Chandapura Branch **...Plaintiff**
AND : **Mrs. Prathima Rao .S** **...Defendant**

To, Mrs. Prathima Rao .S, Aged about 43 years, W/o Umamaheshwar Rao, C/o Milestone Associates and Prathima Traders, M-32/2, Avalapalli HUDCO, Bagalur Road, Hosur-635101.
No. 201, Laya Apartments Raage Towers, Flat #240-243 Pragathi Nagar, Hyderabad-500090.
No. H-150, Avalapalli HUDCO, Bagalur Road, Hosur-635101. **...Defendant**

SUIT SUMMONS

Whereas the Plaintiff Bank named Union Bank of India has filed the present suit under section 26 Order VII Rule 1 Of The Code Of Civil Procedure against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 8,99,923** along with cost and interest 12.35% p.a from the date of suit till realization.

Wherefore you are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court **at 11:00 am on 14.03.2025** in person or through an Advocate duly instructed failing which the matter will be heard and disposed off placing you exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of this court dated 13th day of February 2025.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, X Addl. District & Sessions Court, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiff : **N.S. Nanalah**
Sai Associates, Off: No.27/B, Deccan Palms, Anantnagar Phase II, Electronic City, Bangalore - 560 100.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my Client, **SRI. LINGARAJEGOWDA** aged about 70 years Son of Late Shivalinge Gowda residing at Singarajipura Village, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara District, Karnataka is the absolute owner and in possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Properties which have been came into the share of the client through a un registered Partition Deed dated 26-06-2005. and the Original Previous Sale Deeds in the name of Shivalinge Gowda and the ancesters, i.,e Document Registered as No: 2451/1992-93 for Sy No: 147/9 measuring 0-5 guntas dated 08-03-1993 Doc.Registered as No: 2450/92-93 for Sy No: 149/2 measuring 0-20 guntas dated 08-03-1992 Document Registered as No: 3854/72-73 for Sy No: 148/1, measuring 0-9 guntas and Sy.No:149/3 measuring 0-12 guntas, Document Registered as No: 702/93-94 for SyNo: 149/1 measuring 0-20 guntas and document pertaining to the Sy No: 148/2, measuring 0-24 guntas dated 21-04-1977 and ancestral document pertaining to Sy.No: 162/2 measuring 1-00 acre. All are situated at Singarajhipura Village, Virupakshipura Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara District and all the Documents are registered in Channapattana Sub-registrar Office have been misplaced/ lost and **SRI. LINGARAJEGOWDA** has filed a Complaint before the Police Unit: Crime Branch Karnataka State Police, Akkuru Police Station of Ramanagara District Vide Lost Article Reference No: NCR No 108/2025 and GNS No: PO02862500600111 dated 19-02-2025.

Any person/s holding/finding/or in possession of the original above mentioned Sale deeds of the Schedule Properties or if any person has impersonated himself and has created unregistered equitable mortgage through DTD in favour of any person/Bank/Financial Institution or through any other mode of conveyance or method of conveyance such as General Power of Attorney or Sale agreement/ Deed or Gift or either through Mortgage or any other claim or mortgage or through any other deed of conveyance if any, may write to the Undersigned if they have any claim on the Original document/s in/on any manner what so ever within **Seven days (7 days)** from the date of this publication and any objections, claims received thereafter will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE

(1). All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy **No: 149/2** measuring **0-20 guntas** situated at **Singarajhipura Village, Virupakshipura Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara** bounded on the:
East by : Sarkari kaluve, **West by :** Sarkari Kaluve, **North by :** Property of Shivalinge gowda, **South by :** Property of Shivalinge gowda,

(2). All that piece and parcel of land bearing **Sy No: 147/9** measuring **0-05 guntas** situated at **Singarajhipura Village, Virupakshipura Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara** bounded on the:
East by : Property of Shivalinge gowda, **West by :** Sarkari Kaluve, **North by :** Property of Shivalinge gowda, **South by :** Kempamma,s land

(3). All that piece and parcel of land bearing **Sy No: 149/1** measuring **0-20 guntas** situated at **Singarajhipura Village, Virupakshipura Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara** bounded on the:
East by : Land belongs to Shivalinge gowda, **West by :** Sarkari Kaluve, **North by :** land of Huchhegowda, **South by :** Land belongs to Shivalinge gowda

(5). All that piece and parcel of land bearing **Sy No: 148/2** measuring **0-24 guntas** situated at **Singarajhipura Village, Virupakshipura Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara.**

(6). All that piece and parcel of land bearing **Sy No: 162/2** measuring **1-00 Acre** situated at **Singarajhipura Village, Virupakshipura Hobli, Channapattana Taluk, Ramanagara.**

L. LAKSHMINARAYANA, B.Com., LLB., **Advocate,** #1462/33, Pipe Line, Vijayanagar BANGALORE - 560 040.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDERTAKING)

E-AUCTION NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

REGIONAL OFFICE SOUTH BENGALURU

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, **possession** of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis **29.03.2025 from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.** [with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of sale], for recovery of below mentioned amount.
The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below –

Sl No.	1.Name of the borrower 2.Name of the Branch	Description of the Property	Total Dues	Date & Time of Auction	Reserve Price EMD Amount Increment amount	Contact Person
1	**1.Mr. Abhilash Kanagasundaram M. 2.Branch : Bengaluru South End Circle Branch** #.96, South End Road, South End Circle, Bengaluru- 560 004 email:cb1173@canarabank.com	Property bearing No. 23, 1st Main, Evergreen Street, B. Narayanapura, Krishnarajapuram, Hobli, bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, Extent: North to South 40 feet, East to West ; 30 feet Total 1200 sq.ft. East : Site No. 24, West : Site No. 22, North : Road, South : Site No. 26.	**Rs. 27,36,722.62** (Rupees Twenty Seven lakhs Thirty Six Thousand seven hundred Twenty Two and Paise Sixty Two Only) plus further interest thereon from 27.02.2025 and other expenses	**29.03.2025 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs. 142.60 Lacs Rs.14.26 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**	**Mr. Palanivel Rajan S., Chief Manager, Ph :9976633313-080-22447997**
2	**1.Mr. Joseph Micheal, 2.Branch : Jayanagar 3rd Block Branch,** No. 69 9th Main Road, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 011 Email: cb10409@canarabank.com	2 BHK Apartment bearing Flat No. 406, on the 4th Floor, in the building known as Midhila Delux, bearing Municipal No. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17,18,19,20,21,22, 23,24,25,26,27 and 28 bBMP Katha No. 1324/866/5 sitauted at Maruthi Nagar, Kogilu Village Road, Yelahanka, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District - 560 064. Bounded by : East : Flat No. 410, West by Flat No. 405, North by: Flat No. 407, South by : Open to Sky.	**Rs. 58,43,212.13** (Rupees Fifty Eight lakhs Forty Three Thousand TWo hundred and Paise Thirteen Only) plus further interest thereon from 27.02.2024 and other expenses	**29.03.2025 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs. 41.26 Lacs Rs.4.13 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**	**Sri Naba Kishore Behera Chief Manager, Ph 7892606293 080-26631598**
3	**1.M/s. S. B. Fab Tech Mr. Madhu S. M. 2.Branch : J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase,** 33, 100 feet Ring Road, 15th CRoss, JP Nagar 2nd Pjase, Bangalore - 560 078 email:cb0492@canarabank.com	Property beraring No. 1 to 4, corporation Khata No. 1,2,3 & 4 converted Sy. No. 47/1, 11th Cross, Balaji Nagar, Thigalarapalya Main Road, Karivobanahalli Vilalge, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore - 560 058, Extent : North to South 132 ft, East to West 55 feet, Total : 7260 sq.ft. Bounded on East by Land of Ramegowda, Weset 2 0ft Road, North : House of Smt. Jayalakshmi, South : 60 feet Road.	**Rs. 95,16,400.65** (Rupees Ninety Five lakhs sixteen thousand four hundred and Paise Sixty five Only) plus further interest thereon from 27.02.2025 and other expenses	**29.03.2025 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 PM**	**Rs. 742.70 Lacs Rs.7.43 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs**	**Mr. Azad Kumar Boipai, Chief Manager, Ph : 9661805035-080-26592667**

The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer .
Known encumbrances, if any: NIL
The EMD should be deposited on or before 28.03.2025 up to 4.00 pm, The property will not be sold below the Reserve Price.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.canarabank.com/english/announcements/sale-notice/karnataka/ provided on the Secured Creditors' Website i.e www.canarabank. com. or may contact **above menioned branches** during office hours on any working day.

Place: Bangalore
Date :27.02.2025

Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
Canara Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby notified that, my client **Mr.C.Ramachandra S/o Late. B.S.Chikkanna** has lost Original Allotment letter issued by BDA pertaining to property located in **Arkavathy Layout 17th Block (Sy.No.21/1 Geddalahalli village)** 9.00 meters x 12.00 meters **Site No.JH-436.** If any person/s finds the said documents kindly inform the above stated person or address mentioned below. If any person/s misuses the said document, the same is not binding on my client and they shall do so at their own risk.

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants Bangalore-43
M : 8951856652, 9845846428
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HDFC Bank Ltd, Ground Floor, Rashtrothana Bhavan, Muncipal No. 3/1, Ward No 77, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore - 560001.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) ANNEXURE—VI

(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the HDFC Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice calling upon the below mentioned borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice along with interest, penal interest, costs etc. within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrowers, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, in particular and the public, in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section 4 of section 13 of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **24.02.2025.**

The borrower, in particular, and the public, in general, are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **HDFC Bank Ltd,** for amount mentioned below along with interest thereon and penal interest, charges, costs etc. from the date of notice.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount	Description of the Immovable Property
1	1)Kum Kum Fashion 2) Mr. Arjun Singh 3) Mrs. Laxmi Devi	19.11.2024	Rs. 5532930/- + interest + Penal interest +charge+ cost from 05.08.2024	**Item No1 :** All the piece and parcel of immovable Property No. 09, Khata No. 118/1/106, CMC Khata No. 558, ITI Notified Area, Dasappa Layout, Kowdenahalli, 1st Block, Rama Murthy Nagar, KR Puram Hobli, Banglore South Taluk., East By : Private Property , West By : Road, North By : Site No. 08, South By : Site No. 10.
2	1)M/S Jumani Assocaites, 2) Mrs. Asmita Santosh , 3) Late. Mr. Santosh Kumar Jumani 4) Mr. Hukumchand Vasudev	19.11.2024	Rs. 32,45,010/- + interest + Penal interest +charge+ cost from 07.04.2023	**Item No1:** All the piece and parcel of house site bearing House list No: 40 & 41 , formed in survey No 39 , bearing Katha NO 182A , situated at Geddalahalli Village , Kasaba Hobli, Now assigned as corporation No 4 , corporation ward No 100, Near K.E.B layout , Ashwath Nagar , 1st Main Road, Geddalahalli, measuring East to West :40 feet, and North to South :37 feet , with 11 squares of RCC building with cement flooring , with water and electricity facilities and bounded as under :- East By: Main Road, West By: Conservancy North By: Raod, South By: Property No 39

Place :Bengaluru
Date :24.02.2025

Regd.Office : HDFC Bank Limited, HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013.

Sd/- Authorised Officer, HDFC Bank Ltd.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE: SUNDARGARH

E-mail ID- serw_sundargarh@gmail.com
Bid Identification No. Online- PMGSY/RWCCESNG-11 of 2024-25

O-1554 **Letter No. 426 // Date: 25.02.2025**

1. Name of the work :- Repair and Maintenance of Rural roads under PMGSY roads
2. Total No. of Packages: :- 12 Nos.
3. Estimated Cost of individual packages: :- Rs.71.02 lakh to 372.92 lakh
4. Period of completion: :- 05 (Five) years
5. Other details: :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	No. of Packages	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding From	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding To	Date & Time of Technical Bid opening	Date & Time of Financial Bid opening
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh	PMGSY / RWC-CESNG-11 of 2024-25	12 Nos.	28.02.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	16.03.2025 upto 5.00 P.M.	17.03.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be inlimated separately

● Further details can be seen from the website: **www.pmgsytenders.gov.in**

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer, (I/C)
Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh

OIPR- 25133/11/0038/2425

CHENNAI METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, CIRCLE-II,
CONSTRUCTION WING, 'A' BLOCK, 'E' ROAD,
KOYAMBEDU, CHENNAI-107

Short e- TENDER NOTICE **Dt. 27.02.2025**

e-Tenders are invited from the Government registered and experienced contractors by the Superintending Engineer, Circle-II, Construction Wing, Chennai – 600107, under Two Cover System for the following works of,

(1) Redevelopment of MTC Bus Stand at Padiyanallur, Thiruvallur.
(2) Redevelopment of MTC Bus Stand at Thiruvanmiyur, Chennai
(3) Re-development of Eco Park at Chetpet, Chennai
(4) Construction of New Library at MKB Nagar, Chennai
(5) Construction of Community Hall nearby Harrington Road, Egmore, Chennai
(6) Construction of New Library at Anna Nagar, Chennai
(7) Construction of New Library at Indra Nagar, Chennai

Short Tender Notice No.	20/2024-25 dt. 27.02.2025
Last date & Time of receipt of e-tender	17.03.2025 upto 2.00 PM
Downloading the tender document by free of cost	03.03.2025 to 17.03.2025 upto 2.00 PM
For further details visit website	**http://tntenders.gov.in**

Superintending Engineer
Circle II, C.W, CMDA, Ch-107.

DIPR/826/Tender/2025

THE TAMIL NADU COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' FEDERATION LIMITED,

AAVIN ILLAM, 3-A CHAMIERS ROAD, NANDANAM, CHENNAI-600035,
TELEPHONE: 044-23464500 FAX : 044-23464505, E-MAIL: AAVINDGMENG@YAHOO.CO.IN
Ref. No:1991/Proj.3/2025 **NOTICE INVITING TENDER (e-Submission Only)** Dated: 27.02.2025

The TCMPF Ltd., invites **TWO PART TENDERS** by way of **e-Submission through eProcurement Portal** from the reputed Manufacturers / Authorized Dealers for following items / works for TCMPF/DCMPU Dairies under Federation / Union Own Funds / Schemes:-

Sl. No.	Name of the works / Items	EMD Value	
1.	Design, Supply, Erection, Commissioning, Installation and Testing of 10 LLPD capacity Fully Automatic Dairy Processing and Sachet Packing, Stacking Plant and Two Nos. of 6000 kg/hr. capacity Dual Burner (CNG and Furnace oil) Fired Steam Boiler with Chimney and Accessories at Madhavaram, Chennai.	Rs. 89,52,000/-	The Technical Bids shall be opened through online eProcurement Portal **(https://tntenders.gov.in)** on mentioned date. The bidders should submit their bids only through eProcurement Portal **(https://tntenders.gov.in).** All other details can be seen in the tender documents, the tender documents can be downloaded at the above website. Corrigendum / Addendum to this publication, if any would appear only on the above said website.

Tender Document Availability:	Pre bid Meeting	E-Submission End Date	Technical Bid opening Date
05.03.2025 to 08.04.2025 upto 2.30 PM	17.03.2025 at 11.30 AM	08.04.2025 at 2.30 PM	09.04.2025 at 3.00 PM

DIPR/ 827 /TENDER/2025

Deputy General Manager (Engg.),
Tamil Nadu Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation Ltd.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
Department of Prisons and Correctional Services
Tender Notification

1. For details, visit **https://tntenders.gov.in/**
2. Tenders are invited by the Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Chennai, for the supply of Reverse Osmosis Plants to the Various jails in 94 locations in Tamil Nadu.
3. The Tender documents can be downloaded at free of cost in the website **https://tntenders.gov.in/** from 28.02.2025 to 28.03.2025 up to 10.00 AM
4. Last date and Time for downloading and submission of Tender Documents.

1.	Last Date and Time for downloading of Tender Documents	28.03.2025 upto 10.00 A.M.
2.	Last Date and Time for Submission of Tender Documents for	28.03.2025 upto 10.00 A.M.
3.	Date and Time for opening of Tender Documents	28.03.2025 at 11.00 A.M.

5. Other details are available in Tender Documents.

28–02–2025 **(Sd) MAHESHWAR DAYAL, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PRISONS–TNPCS,**
DIPR.801/Tender/2025 **DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PRISONS AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES_HO_TNPCS**

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Pietersen joins Delhi Capitals as mentor

Former England captain Kevin Pietersen was on Thursday appointed mentor of Delhi Capitals ahead of the upcoming IPL season. The 44-year-old thus returns to the side he captained in 2014. This marks Pietersen's first coaching assignment in the IPL, where he featured in as a player from 2009 to 2016.

HIGHS AND LOWS OF CT 2025 SO FAR

As Champions Trophy draws closer to business end, a look at some of the hits and misses, upsets and more...

Rise of Afghanistan

They came close to upsetting Australia in the 2023 ODI World Cup before doing so during the T20 edition last year. Both in 2023 and in the ongoing tournament, they have beaten England with Ibrahim Zardan and Azmatullah Omarzai fast-becoming the global superstars for them. Now, Australia are once again between them and a spot in the semifinal. Can Afghanistan rally around to beat Australia and make it to the knockouts?

England's downfall

November 2022 was the last high point in England cricket when they won the T20 WC Down Under. Early exit in ODI WC, semifinal exit in T20 WC for men, and now, another first-round elimination in the ongoing CT. For all the talk about the approach and brand of cricket they want to play and entertain, England have not been able to get the desired results. Going forward, it should not come as a surprise if there is a complete overhaul in the setup.

Proteas' push limits

For a team that has been inconsistent in bilateral series, South Africa have raised the bar every time they have played an ICC event in the last few years. ODI WC semifinal, T20 WC final and the WTC final qualification is expected to be followed by another CT knockout qualification. They have their share of weaknesses but the talented youngsters and world-class middle-order makes up for it, complimented by a quality bowling attack. They will face England in their final league game.

Pak's poor run

Pakistan's last group match with Bangladesh on Thursday was abandoned without a ball being bowled in Rawalpindi because of rain, ensuring the host country's title defence ended with a wet whimper. Barring the occasional high they have been able to register, Pakistan have been stuck in the past decade for the better part of 2020s. It is not just that they have an issue with the approach and administration of the sport and the team, but also the lack of acknowledgement and course correction that has proven to cost them dearly in the last three ICC events. This one will hurt even more for they had a chance to do something special for the fans at home.

Can Australia come to the party?

With the tie against SA getting washed out, the 2023 ODI WC champions need a win against Afghanistan. They came into the tournament without their captain Pat Cummins, two premier pacers in Josh Hazlewood and Mitchell Starc and had a massive target of 352 in front of them against England in their first game. From 136/4, Josh Inglis and Alex Carey stepped up to the plate and got them across the line. With the likes of Travis Head and Steve Smith yet to come to the party, one can never rule Australia out of contention.

India's dominance continues

While the second half of 2024 did not go well for Rohit Sharma and Co, this is a format and tournament where India were always going to be favourites. Throwing in the conditions they are playing in Dubai, India perhaps have the strongest team on paper as well as on the field. Even if they lose against New Zealand, they have already qualified for the semifinals. That said India will be looking to seal three straight wins and get their hands on the coveted trophy.

TODAY'S MATCH
Australia vs Afghanistan, Lahore
LIVE ON STAR SPORTS AND JIOHOTSTAR, 2.30 PM

Kerala's Edhen shines on comeback

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

IMAGINE a father quitting his overseas job and relocating to an Indian city with a 12-year-old son and two daughters — one eight and another only three. The wife had to stay back because she had an opportunity to get promoted to higher ranks in her existing job. Reason — both wanted their son to pursue cricket.

Cut to the present day, the son, 19-year-old up and coming pacer Edhen Apple Tom, is playing a crucial role in Kerala's quest for their maiden Ranji Trophy title in Nagpur against the hosts and two-time champions Vidarbha.

On Day 1, Vidarbha were comfortably placed on 254/4 at stumps with Edhen, who was making his comeback to the senior side after a gap of two years, claiming a wicket. Kerala had to restrict Vidarbha to a manageable total on Thursday if they wished to keep their dream alive, and they did exactly the same by bundling out the opponents for 379. Edhen claimed two more wickets to return with decent figures of 3/102 from his 31 overs. In reply, Kerala were 131/3 when the bails were drawn.

Kerala's journey to their maiden Ranji final has been incredible and so has Edhen and his father, Apple Tom Philip's. "I was at the Sharjah Airport in logistics while my wife, Betty, was at a managerial position with an airline. I always wanted to be an athlete and played cricket and volleyball but it didn't happen. That's why I wanted Edhen to become a cricketer," his father told this daily. The decision was tough as taking care of a toddler along with two children was not easy especially when the wife was not around. Apple not only managed it but made sure the purpose for which he relocated was achieved. "Yes, it was tough but we managed to do it," was the curt reply from Apple when asked how he made it happen. It all started with former Kerala player Sony Cheruvathur coaching kids at Spero Cricket Academy in Dubai. Edhen joined the facility and used to travel to the venue from Sharjah everyday. "One day a small kid came from Sharjah. Chubby and nice but bowling on the wrong foot. The same day we corrected it," reminisced Sony. A year-and-a-half later, Sony got an offer to coach Kerala U16 side. As he has an academy in Trivandrum named Loveall Cricket Academy, he decided to shift to Trivandrum.

Kerala pacer Edhen Tom with coaches Sony Cheruvathur (L) & Karthik Rajan (R)

"As I moved back, one day, Edhen's father called me and inquired about my academy. He also informed his plan to relocate and then did it soon, along with his three children. He took a flat in an apartment near my academy. We got Edhen admitted in a school where he was given freedom to skip classes for cricket sessions," added the coach, who has played 36 first-class matches, 15 List A games and 5 T20s for Kerala. Sony credited the then fitness coach Shahnawaz Wahid and coach Karthik Rajan for playing a major role in developing Edhen as a cricketer. "Edhen was very particular about his fitness from a very young age. During his first two years in the U16, he did a decent job but didn't get selected. I still don't know what happened. But during the COVID-19 time, he had a growth spurt. The amount of time and effort he put in during that time was simply incredible. I was there and another coach, Rajan, was also with me. He was instrumental in Edhen's development. Those two years, there were times when he would come alone and bowl. Next year in U19, he picked up a lot of wickets. After doing well in U19, he was straightaway drafted into the Ranji Trophy side in the 2021-22 season. Tinu Yohannan was the coach. Edhen was generating a good pace, running in well and doing well. He played really well that season."

BRIEF SCORES
Vidarbha 379 in 123.1 ovs (D Malewar 153, K Nair 86; MD Nidheesh 3/61, Edhen Apple Tom 3/101, NM Basil 2/60) vs Kerala 131/3 in 39 ovs (A Sarwate 66 n.o, A Imran 37; D Nalkande 2/22).

The then 17-year-old made his Ranji debut in the 2021-22 season against Meghalaya alongside S Sreesanth, whom he has idolised over the years and struck the very first ball he bowled. He ended the game with a six-wicket haul and was adjudged Player of the Match. He went on to play another match against Gujarat. At 17, he continued playing age-group cricket and claimed a lot of wickets but developed a back strain in the process. "He finished the season really well but that strain was always there. Then, the current secretary of the Kerala Cricket Association sent him to the National Cricket Academy. They diagnosed him with a stress fracture. But the best thing was that the NCA took good care of him. Prasidh Krishna and Jasprit Bumrah were also injured then. The same doctor who was treating them looked after him. The whole 2022-23 season, he was recovering and rehabilitating. That was the toughest phase of his career so far. That was the time coach Rajan helped him a lot. His family was also very supportive. It is a very welcoming sign that he has bowled 30 overs this innings," said Sony.

Only 19, Edhen still has a lot of time to hone his skills and become an established name. The job at hand, however, is to repay the trust shown in him in one of the most important fixtures of his career and Edhen looks set for it.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

WPL: Voll replaces Athapaththu in UP Warriorz squad

NEW DELHI: Australian top-order batter Georgia Voll will replace Chamari Athapaththu in UP Warriorz squad for the remainder of the Women's Premier League after the Sri Lankan left for national duty. "UP picked Georgia Voll as a replacement for Chamari Athapaththu for the remainder of WPL 2025. Athapaththu will be resuming national duties for Sri Lanka," the WPL said. Voll has played seven fixtures for Australia.

AIFF takes action against Churchill Brothers

NEW DELHI: The All India Football Federation's (AIFF) disciplinary committee handed Churchill Brothers FC a 0-3 forfeit for fielding an ineligible player during their I-League match against Aizawl FC played on Feb 17. It ended in a 1-1 draw. "AIFF Disciplinary Committee has found Churchill Brothers FC Goa in breach of Article 6.5.6 and 6.6.6 of the I-League 2024-25 Regulations, for fielding an ineligible player," the AIFF said.

Siddhant-Parikshit pair enters last-four stage with easy win

BENGALURU: Unseeded Indian pairing of Siddhant Banthia and Parikshit Somani dismantled Nicolas Mejia and Bernard Tomic 7-5, 6-0 to reach the Bengaluru Open doubles semifinals on Thursday. They will next face Australia's Blake Bayldon and Mattew Christopher Romios. Earlier, Ramkumar Ramanathan and Saketh Myneni took a step closer to a successful title defence with a 6-3, 6-3 win vs Hynek Barton & Eric Vanshelboim.

Beleaguered BFI gets World Boxing's support

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

EVEN as Boxing Federation of India (BFI president Ajay Singh) is taking legal action against Indian Olympic Association's (IOA) decision to form an ad hoc committee, the World Boxing (WB), without elaborating much at this moment, said that they stand by the federation.

"We support the Boxing Federation of India," WB president Boris van der Vorst told this daily on Thursday. "We keep dealing with the Boxing Federation of India until there is a clear legal outcome. But until then, we support the BFI." This becomes critical after the International Olympic Committee gave provisional recognition to WB as the international federation of boxing on Wednesday. Besides others, they will now be conducting international boxing competitions as well.

Back to approaching the court, sources close to the development said an urgent petition has been moved in Delhi High Court against IOA's decision to form a five-member ad hoc committee primarily to conduct elections. The date of admission and date of hearing is yet to be finalised. The IOA said that it was forced to form the panel after BFI failed to hold an election on time and that there have been complaints from its own members. This is being contested by the BFI president as the other two office-bearers – secretary and treasurer – have fallen out of favour. It is understood that the duo also backed the formation of IOA's ad hoc committee. The petition in the High Court too has been moved on behalf of the president, who has been claiming that the IOA's decision was unilateral and arbitrary. The petition would also assure the court that elections will be held within a month. The BFI has also initiated enquiry against its secretary and treasurer over allegations of financial irregularities. It will be interesting to see where other members stand. The BFI seems to be divided going by a letter signed during the National Games in Pithoragarh about 24 members. Who constitutes BFI will be the big question? But like most National Sports Federations in India, the president usually has sweeping powers. After quite a few National Sports Federations, BFI is the latest to get embroiled in a legal battle.

Liverpool defeat Newcastle to go 13 clear on EPL table

AGENCIES @ London

LIVERPOOL moved a giant step closer to the Premier League title with a ruthless 2-0 win against Newcastle, while Arsenal's challenge is in tatters after a 0-0 draw against Nottingham Forest on Wednesday.

With suspended boss Arne Slot watching from the Anfield stands, Liverpool opened up a massive 13-point lead over second-placed Arsenal thanks to goals from Dominik Szoboszlai and Alexis Mac Allister.

In Wednesday's other action, Manchester City won 1-0 at Tottenham, while 10-man Manchester United held on to beat lowly Ipswich 3-2. But it is Liverpool who continue to hog the spotlight as an almost-flawless campaign approaches a memorable climax. The Reds look certain to win the Premier League for the first time since 2020, which will move them level with Manchester United on a record-equalling 20 English titles.

Narrow win for Real Madrid

SAN SEBASTIAN: Endrick's well-taken strike earned Real Madrid a 1-0 win at Real Sociedad in a Copa del Rey semifinal first leg clash. However there was controversy when just before half-time the match was briefly paused because of chants of "Asencio die" being aimed at Real Madrid defender Raul Asencio.

Players in action during the match between Liverpool & Newcastle | AP

ISL: Win boosts Goa's chance of direct S/F berth

ENS @ Chennai

CARL McHugh scored the only goal of the match as FC Goa beat Punjab FC 1-0 in the Indian Super League in New Delhi on Thursday. In the process, the Gaurs boosted their chances of an automatic qualification for the semifinals.

After 22 games they have 45 points. Bengaluru, who currently occupy the third spot, have 37 points with two games in hand and they can reach a maximum of 43 points. Fourth-placed Jamshedpur also have 37 points but they have three games in hand. On the day, it was Irishman McHugh who made the difference with a strike on the stroke of half-time. Goa were clearly the team who looked like finding the breakthrough and McHugh did just that with a left-footed shot from outside the box.

WPL 2025

All-rounder Shikha at peace, hoping to tackle one game at a time

GOMESH S @ Chennai

WHEN Shikha Pandey came into the 2025 Women's Premier League season, she felt she was in rhythm with regards to her bowling. And with good reason. In the last 12 months, Pandey had played in three T20 tournament finals - WPL, Caribbean Premier League and Women's Big Bash League - and had also taken part in the Super Smash in New Zealand, coming back with a wealth of experiences and memories.

In the very first match against Mumbai Indians, her feeling was reaffirmed. Pandey ran in with the new ball, made it hop around like she had cast a spell on it and returned with the figures of 2/14 in four overs, helping her team get off the mark in a thrilling finish. In less than a week, she was on the receiving end of an onslaught from UP Warriorz's Kiran Navgire upfront and Chinelle Henry in the back end — a 0/43 finish in four overs.

While Delhi went on to win the game, finishing Vadodara leg on a high, Pandey went back to the drawing board. That is what she does after every game. Look back and analyse how she did in terms of execution; write down what worked and didn't work. "For me, it's more about at the top of my run up or just about when I'm about to load, if I want to bowl somewhere, whether I was able to bowl there or whether that did not come through. As a bowler, to have the right plans is very important. Whether you execute them or not is a different case altogether. This is something that I've learned from Troy Cooley (coach at BCCI Centre of Excellence, Bengaluru). So I guess it was not the best day with the execution bit, which can get better," Pandey explained to this daily.

It is the process she has followed for years. One that has brought her all the success over the years, and even today. Pandey is the leading wicket-taker among Indian pacers in the WPL (25 wickets till Thursday) and joint-second with Marizanne Kapp among pacers. Nat Sciver-Brunt is the only one ahead with 27 scalps. For Pandey, however, these numbers seem irrelevant. It is about contributing to team's success.

Shikha Pandey has been a consistent performer for DC | SPORTZPICS

And it is something she has done with distinction for DC in WPL, Trinbago Knight Riders in WCPL and Brisbane Heat in the WBBL as they all reached the final before falling short in the summit clash. While Pandey has stopped chasing wickets in the literary sense, what she has done better than most is pile on dot balls. In the three seasons of WPL, no Indian bowler has more dot balls than Pandey (238). She is second among seamers and third overall behind Marizanne Kapp (250) and Sophie Ecclestone (239).

Even as the numbers and accolades continue for one of the well-respected bowlers across the globe, the past 12 months has been about enjoying the experience of playing cricket in different environments. The 35-year-old, who last played for India in the 2023 T20 World Cup, still has the hunger and drive to represent the country, but she is at peace with her cricket. Pandey credits the franchises she plays for the support and environment they have provided her. "That's a given. If you wouldn't want to do that, I would have different plans altogether. But I am very happy in my skin right now. I've had very few conversations with the coaches at Delhi Capitals, not just during this tournament. I've been in touch with Jonathan Batty and they follow my cricket all along. I've been blessed with some great environments. It's fun and that's why I love playing the sport and I would want to get better along the way," she signed off.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Gardner helps Giants win

BENGALURU: Skipper Ashleigh Gardner smashed 58 runs from 31 balls as Gujarat Giants beat Royal Challengers Bengaluru by six wickets in their WPL match here on Thursday. The bottom-placed Giants, who now have two wins, delivered with the ball, with pacer Deandra Dottin (2/31) & spinner Tanuja Kanwar (2/16) giving outstanding performance. They restricted RCB to 125/7.

GG's Ashleigh Gardner plays a shot against RCB | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Whatfix, the global leader in Digital Adoption Platforms (DAP), on Thursday introduced ScreenSense, an innovative AI technology that leverages patented algorithms to create next-gen digital experiences that are more intuitive to the end-user and also evolve with technology changes

Companies use 'responsible AI' to protect brand: Report

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

FROM treating responsible Artificial Intelligence (AI) as a mere compliance issue, businesses have now started viewing it as a key contributor to AI-related revenue growth for their firm. According to Accenture findings, 43% of surveyed companies said that responsible AI is an important contributor to protecting their brand's value, while 24% of firms view responsible AI as simply a 'cost of doing business'.

About 13% surveyed find responsible AI is not critical to using AI as C-suite perceptions are differing across businesses. About 36% of firms view it as shaping the core AI strategy. The survey respondents predicted that when a company becomes a pioneer in responsible AI, its AI-related revenue will increase by 18%, on average.

AI-related revenue is the total revenue generated by AI-enabled products and services.

It points out that the opposite is also true. "When responsible AI is not well-established in a company, brand value can be quickly destroyed with its misuse," it said. The survey respondents estimated a single major, AI-related incident would, on average, erase 24% of the value of their firm's market capitalisation.

Of the companies surveyed, 42% already devote more than 10% of their overall AI budget to responsible AI initiatives. A growing number of companies are prioritising responsible AI and are spending accordingly.

Accenture also found in its study that companies across APAC including India are accelerating AI adoption to drive productivity and revenue

growth, and 9 out of 10 organisations plan to use agentic AI models in the next three years.

"As businesses across APAC deal with change and disruption, they recognise that success lies in embracing flexibility and finding new sources of efficiency and growth by using technology. They have increased their investments in AI, but the majority are finding it difficult to extract the right value from this investment. To effectively scale AI, particularly generative and agentic AI, businesses need to invest in building trust among their people and their customers, ensure they have the right data foundation, and operationalise responsible AI. That's the only way of creating long term, sustainable value," said Ryoji Sekido, Co-CEO of APAC and CEO of Asia Oceania, Accenture.

It has recommended establishing AI governance and principles to APAC CXOs. The findings also point out AI risk assessments should be conducted to evaluate risks, including fairness, transparency, accuracy and human impact, using structured assessments. It also recommends addressing workforce impact, sustainability, privacy and security apart from establishing real-time AI monitoring systems and executing mitigation and compliance actions.

Saurabh Kumar Sahu, MD and Lead for India Business, Accenture, said, "As businesses in India increasingly embrace AI and generative AI, the importance of responsible AI adoption cannot be overstated. Ensuring human-centered, fair, safe, and sustainable AI is crucial for building trust and driving the right outcomes. The government's IndiaAI mission is a strategic step in this direction. For India to emerge as a global leader in AI, all stakeholders must collectively focus on three pillars – responsible AI development and deployment across the entire value chain, skilling at scale, and wide scale adoption."

Tablets back in demand, sales rise 43%

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

INDIA shipped 5.73 million tablet units (including detachable and slate tablets) in 2024, marking a 42.8% year-over-year (YoY) increase, according to an IDC report. The growth in tablet sales can be attributed to improvements in Android tablets, including better cameras, software updates, and enhanced app integration. As a result, these tablets are becoming the preferred choice for light productivity tasks and entertainment, attracting a segment of PC buyers. The report also highlighted that the detachable tablets (with a keyboard that can be removed or attached) and slate tablets (touch-screen tablets without a detachable keyboard) grew 30% and 47.2% YoY, respectively.

However, the market experienced a 17% YoY decline in Q4 2024 due to delays in some government-related deals.

The Consumer segment saw a 19.2% YoY growth in 2024, driven by strong eTailer (online retailer) promotions, discounts, and cashback offers. Samsung led the eTailer channel in 2024, capturing a 24.4% market share. The Commercial segment grew 69.7% with a remarkable 104.5% growth in the Education segment, driven by increased government-funded education projects, despite a 9.9% decline in the Very Large Business segment.

Rising prices

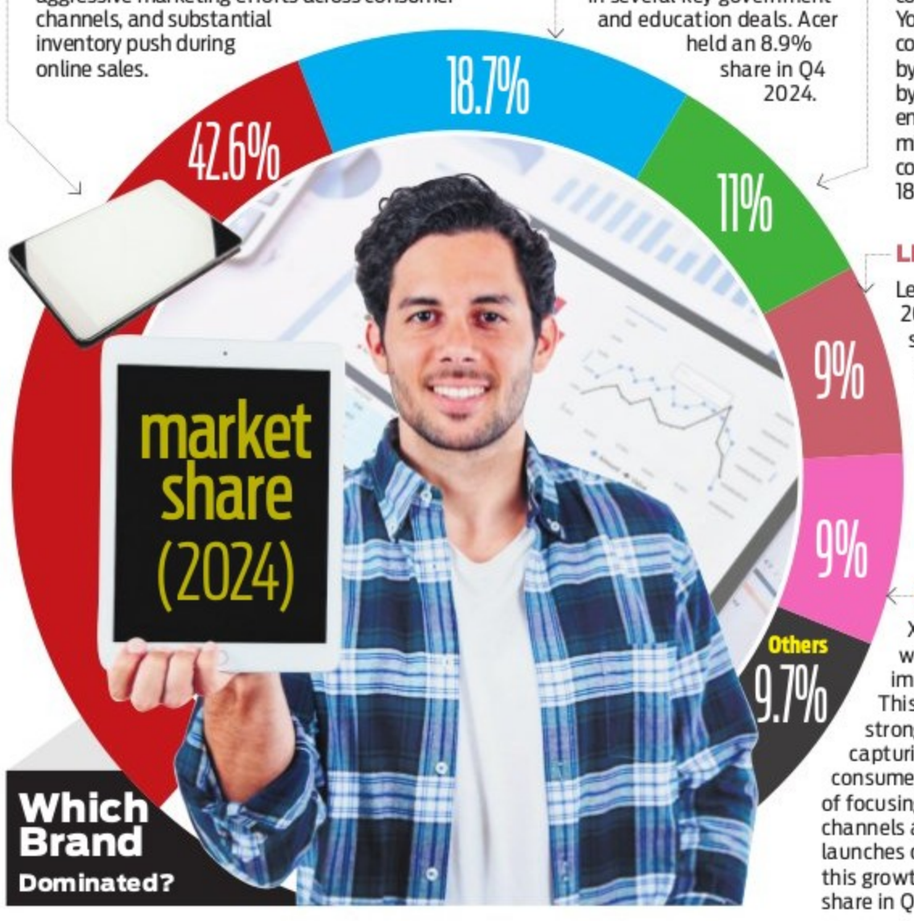
Even though more than 60% of tablet shipments were entry-level models (priced under $300), the average price of tablets in the consumer market went up from $309 in 2023 to $336 in 2024. As the cost of components for laptops rises, making laptops more expensive, tablets are becoming a more appealing choice for customers.

"The commercial tablet continues to remain as a popular computing device in several big-ticket manifesto deals. The acceptance of tablets in verticals such as FMCG, hospitality, BFSI, etc., is also on the rise as it is seen as a portable productivity device," said Bharath Shenoy, research manager, devices research, IDC.

SAMSUNG
Samsung continued to lead the market in 2024, capturing a 42.6% share. The company led both the commercial and consumer segments, with shares of 51.1% and 32.1%, respectively. In Q4 2024, Samsung maintained a commanding 35.5% share, driven by its strong presence in public sector education projects, aggressive marketing efforts across consumer channels, and substantial inventory push during online sales.

ACER GROUP
Acer Group ranked second in 2024, with an 18.7% market share. The company excelled in the commercial segment, securing a 32.8% share thanks to its success in several key government and education deals. Acer held an 8.9% share in Q4 2024.

APPLE
Apple secured third place with an 11% market share in 2024. The company performed well in both the commercial and consumer segments, growing by 45.3% YoY in the commercial space and 4.7% YoY in the consumer space. Its commercial growth was driven by increased adoption of iPads by senior management in enterprises, government ministries, and FMCG companies. Apple held an 18.1% share in Q4 2024.



LENOVO
Lenovo held the fourth spot in 2024 with a 9% market share. The consumer segment saw solid 18.6% YoY growth, driven by strong demand for its models priced between $150 and $250, particularly in the eTailer channel. Lenovo held a 12.5% share in Q4 2024.

XIAOMI
Xiaomi also ranked fourth, with a 9% share and impressive 101.7% YoY growth. This growth was driven by strong shipments in 3Q24, capturing 27.3% of the total consumer market. Xiaomi's strategy of focusing on both offline and eTailer channels and frequent product launches contributed significantly to this growth. Xiaomi held a 10.5% share in Q4 2024.

Indian biz leaders accelerate AI adoption amid talent shortage

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

AROUND 98% of Indian business leaders are accelerating their adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI), according to a recent report by LinkedIn. However, the report also highlights a significant challenge—finding skilled talent remains a persistent issue. The report reveals that 54% of recruiters in India say that only half or fewer of the job applications they receive meet the required qualifications, underscoring the ongoing talent gap in the country.

AI and human skills remain a hiring challenge

LinkedIn's research shows that 54% of HR professionals in India report that only half, or fewer, of the job applications they receive meet all the required and preferred qualifications. The biggest hiring challenge for recruiters is finding candidates with the right mix of technical (61%) and soft skills (57%). Some of the hardest-to-find skills in India include technical/IT skills, such as software development and engineering (44%), AI-related skills (34%), and soft skills like communication and problem-solving (33%).

Companies embrace 'selective hiring' in 2025

HR professionals in India also note that they receive too many applications from candidates who are not a fit for the role, with 47% of recruiters reporting this issue. As a result, companies are adopting a more selective approach to hiring in 2025. Over half of HR professionals (55%) say they would only consider reaching out to candidates who meet at least 80% of job qualifications, and 54% would hire candidates who meet this threshold. The findings highlight growing demand for both AI and human expertise, while emphasising the need for more focused and selective hiring processes as the talent gap widens.

Leaders prioritise upskilling to bridge talent gap in India

As the demand for skilled talent continues to grow, over 8 in 10 (84%) HR professionals in India have identified helping employees build new skills as a top priority for 2025. A significant focus will be placed on upskilling in Artificial Intelligence (AI) (84%) and essential soft skills, such as communication andcollaboration (82%). This focus on upskilling is further supported by Learning and Development (L&D) professionals, with 100% agreeing that soft skills—such as creativity, curiosity, and communication—are becoming just as important as technical expertise in today's workforce. Nearly half (48%) of Indian leaders also believe that investing in learning and development, particularly for AI training, will be crucial in accelerating the adoption of AI technologies. This emphasis on both technical and soft skills reflects a growing recognition that the future workforce must be well-rounded, capable of adapting to evolving demands in both technology and collaboration.

LinkedIn's AI tools help streamline recruiting, upskilling

LinkedIn is introducing new AI-powered tools to help recruiters focus on more strategic, people-centric tasks. In India, nearly 37% of HR professionals spend 1–3 hours daily sorting through job applications, and 64% believe AI tools can speed up the hiring process. LinkedIn's new Hiring Assistant automates repetitive tasks, allowing recruiters to spend more time on high-impact activities. "AI is reshaping how we hire and develop talent, but the real unlock isn't just adopting AI—it's making it work for the business. Too often, companies put resources into AI tools without the right talent to unlock their full potential, turning a game-changing opportunity into a missed one," said Ruchee Anand, India country head, talent and learning solution, at LinkedIn.

How companies can stay ahead of modern cyber threats

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

ONCE restricted only to large enterprises, now cyber attacks have become common on small and mid-sized businesses (SMBs) too as attackers leverage automation, AI, and advanced evasion techniques to evade traditional defences. SonicWall has released the 2025 SonicWall Annual Cyber Threat Report, which highlights that as attack surfaces expand and the time to exploit vulnerabilities shrinks, SMBs must prioritise proactive security measures.

"Threat actors are moving at an unprecedented pace, exploiting new vulnerabilities within days, while we're observing that it takes some organisations 120 to 150 days to apply a critical patch," said President and CEO Bob VanKirk. "Now more than ever businesses need the expertise of an MSP/MSSP backed by real-time threat monitoring and SOC capabilities. Legacy security solutions are no longer enough, businesses must adopt a new mindset to stay ahead of modern cyber threats."

"Leveraging real-time threat intelligence, automation, and proactive defence strategies will help counteract emerging threats before they escalate," said Debasish Mukherjee, vice-president of sales APJ, at SonicWall.

The report highlights a range of threats including a staggering spike in Business Email Compromise (BEC) attacks – nearly one-third of all reported cyber events were BEC attacks, up dramatically from only 9% in 2023. Ransomware was far and away the biggest threat to the healthcare industry, utilised in 95% of all breaches in this sector.

It also points out that India saw jumps in IOT and cryptojacking and the country saw a jump in targeted crypto attacks. APAC accounts for almost 20% of all malware attacks. As more devices become available, the threat landscape is also growing. IoT attacks (124%) and encrypted threats (93%) continue to climb globally, it points out, adding it is crucial to identify attacks.

Stressing the importance of fixing vulnerabilities, it says patch management has been considered a necessary evil by IT, security and business teams for many years. However, with the recent shift in attack focus — from vulnerabilities in applications to vulnerabilities in operating systems — and the increase in publicised breaches and ransomware attacks, it is now essential for organisations to ensure they are properly managing vulnerabilities in their systems.

TECHNOLOGY BUZZ

115 AI-enabled smartphone models on sale in India: Report

Techarc, a leading technology research firm, released its report titled *AI Smartphones — The Evolving Interface Between Humans and Smartphones* on Thursday. The report examines the penetration of AI in smartphones and identifies key trends shaping the industry. According to the findings, 115 AI-enabled smartphone models are currently available in India, with 54 new launches and 19 upgrades expected in 2024. Vivo, Realme, Samsung, Motorola, and Google Pixel are the top brands driving the adoption of AI in smartphones. The report highlights the growing importance of AI in smartphones, with original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) focusing on developing proprietary AI agents and offering AI-enabled smartphones across various price segments. On-device AI is gaining popularity, with 13 smartphone models offering this feature.

WhatsApp introduces UPI Lite for faster small transactions

WhatsApp is testing UPI Lite, a feature that will enable faster and more convenient small transactions. This move brings WhatsApp closer to competing with established payment apps such as Google Pay and PhonePe. UPI Lite allows users to load a small amount of money into a wallet for quick, low-value transactions without the need for repeated authentication. This feature is an extension of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) system, which is widely used in India. Currently in beta testing, WhatsApp's UPI Lite feature is expected to make transactions faster and more efficient. With more than 500 million users in India, the introduction of UPI Lite could make the platform more appealing to users. The feature is expected to be particularly useful for small transactions, such as buying a cup of coffee or paying for a bus ride.

AI boost for quick commerce as KiranaPro, ZuperAI partner

ONDC-based neighbourhood quick commerce platform KiranaPro has partnered with ZuperAI, an AI-driven commerce solution to revolutionise AI-powered market intelligence, product matchmaking, and personalised shopping experiences, empowering local retailers. By integrating ZuperAI's advanced Matchmaking AI, KiranaPro will enhance product discovery, inventory optimisation, and supply chain efficiency. This AI-driven approach will bridge the gap between consumer needs and retailer capabilities. "This collaboration is a game-changer for AI-driven commerce, unlocking new levels of precision, personalisation, and operational efficiency," said Deepak Ravindran, Founder & CEO of KiranaPro. ZuperAI's Founder & CEO, Arun Perooli, an early supporter of KiranaPro's 0-1 strategy, emphasised the long-term impact of AI in commerce.

Tech Mahindra announces partnership with Qualcomm

Tech Mahindra has announced a strategic AI-led collaboration with Qualcomm Technologies, Inc. through the successful integration of Tech Mahindra's proprietary AI model, IndusQ LLM, into Qualcomm AI Hub, a dedicated platform for on-device AI model deployment. The collaboration combines Qualcomm Technologies' AI expertise with Tech Mahindra's AI-powered enterprise solutions to drive innovation in connected devices, autonomous vehicles, and smart cities. The collaboration enhances on-device compute capabilities, supporting new use cases across diverse network conditions. For developers, the model's integration directly on the device allows for faster deployment and easier scaling of applications, eliminating the need for complex setup and making the process more efficient than ever, Tech Mahindra said.